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Neil Lyndon discovers that the perfect holiday is like going back to the classroom

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Military shield for aid convoys

Britain, France and US agree on Bosnia force

By James Bone in New York and Robin Oakley in London

THE US State Department announced last night that it had reached agreement with Britain and France on a draft United Nations resolution permitting the use of force to get humanitarian aid into Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The agreement, which calls for unlimited access to detention centres as well as protecting aid convoys, may be presented to the UN Security Council for approval as early

The draft leaves it up to UN member states to take military action to protect aid shipments, because Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary

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about the economy and the

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last night to be questioned by Scotland Yard detectives investigating the murder of Rachel Nickell on Wimble-

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Identity given

Police yesterday named the

woman whose remains were

discovered on a hillside in

Somerset as Asha Bostan, 22, who vanished 14 years

Pollution claim

UN secrecy

Secrecy shrouded the mission of United Nations in-

spectors in Iraq as they hunted for details of Presi-

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fighting role for UN peacekeeping troops. However, the agreement insists that any military action is taken "in coordination with the United Nations", because Britain and France had been concerned by Dr Boutros Ghairs intention to withdraw the 1,600 UN troops from Sarajevo airpon and to wash his hands of the Bosnian conflict.

The security council resolu-

tion does not address the key question of which countries or organisations will provide ground troops to protect the convoys. Yesterday Nato began drawing up contingency plans at an emergency council meeting and military officials will today begin asking member states what forces they are prepared to contribute. The Western European Union said a military mission to protect convoys should be run by Europeans

with American air support. The text calls on all states "to take all necessary measures to facilitate, in co-ordination with the United Nations, the delivery by the relevant humanitarian org-anisations of humanitarian assistance to Sarajevo and, wherever needed, to other parts of Bosnia-Herzegovina". The draft agreed by the three Western ailies also calls

for an end to the fighting in the former Yugoslav republic. A Western diplomat in-volved in the UN talks said Russia had promised its sup-port, although China was still studying the draft. The diplomat said the measure might

be passed unanimously.
The UN human rights commission, which will meet in Geneva on Thursday and Friday, is expected to demand tail and immediate access to all detention camps by the International Committee of the Red Cross and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. The British section of the International Society for Human Rights yesterday issued a report listing 11 Serbcontrolled prison camps in

have been killed in camps in Prijedor and Foca, where executions are appearing on a daily basis". The group, based in Germany, used to campaign against abuses in

Paddy Ashdown, in Bosnia to inspect the camps, said yesterday that he had not yet been able to get to Gorazde, where 70,000 Muslims are under siege by Serbian forces. He called for military action to prevent the conflict in Bosnia spreading to Kosovo. "I there was the will, we could do more to limit the intensity of this campaign," he said. "I think the resources are there

for us to be doing more."

Although John Major is reluctant to see British ground troops involved in the new operations, their deployment is not being ruled out if British air cover is provided. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, told BBC Radio 4's Today programme that troops would not be used to

separate the combatants". Downing Street brushed aside criticism from Haris Silajdzic, Bosnia's foreign minister, who said in Paki stan that the prime minister was merely issuing statements. "The liberation of our country will only be through arms." Mr Silajdzic said.

Europe was stepping up diplomatic pressure on Ser-bia yesterday. Klaus Kinkel, the German foreign minister, said Bonn might break off diplomatic relations, and Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission. told the European parliament that only the threat of military intervention would deflect Serbia from a strategy of "na-

tionalist hatred". In Brussels Douglas Hogg, minister of state at the For-eign Office, held talks with EC officials to achieve better enforcement of sanctions against the rump Yugoslavian, particularly the oil

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Heroes' welcome: Britain's Olympic gold medallists, Sally Gunnell and Linford Christie, share a joke on their return to Heathrow

Judiciary pays last tributes to Devlin

THE LAW yesterday paid generous tribute to Lord Devlin, the former High Court judge who died on Sunday night at his Wiltshire home aged 86 after a brief illness. Lord Devlin, best remem-

bered for presiding over the acquittal of John Bodkin Adams in one of the most gripping murder trials of the century, retired from the judiciary in 1964 at the early age of 58, but remained active for the rest of his life; in recent years he was a leading campaigner for the release of the Birmingham Six and the

Guildford Four.

John Rowe, QC, vice-chairman of the Bar, said yesterday that Lord Devlin was one of the outstanding judges of his generation, with a particularly incisive mind and a Appeal, said he was one of the best commercial lawyers of

our time, who delivered many important judgments. Lord Jenkins of Hillhead said Lord Devlin had one of the most original and acute legal minds of his generation. Cardinal Basil Hume, Roman Catholic Archishop of Westminster, said he was an outstanding servant of truth and justice".

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Unionists demand Sinn Fein ban after UDA is outlawed

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT General John Wilsey, the General Officer Command-

UNIONIST politicans last night demanded that the government follow its decision to outlaw the Ulster Defence Association by banning Sinn Fein, the political wing of the

They criticised Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary, for failing to extend the proscription to in-clude Sinn Fein which they alleged was involved in the sectarian killing of

Protestants. But a Downing Street source said that while the government condemmed Sinn Fein because of its support for violence, the organisation was not actively and primarily involved in terrorist activity. The source pointed to a further difficulty in that Sinn Fein, unlike the UDA. has considerable support at

the ballot box having won

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one-third of the nationalist votes cast at the general election.

From midnight anyone in-volved in the UDA, the largest loyalist paramilitary organisation, faces up to ten years in jail. Under the ban, announced by Sir Patrick, it becomes illegal to seek finan-cial support for the UDA or to knowingly contribute to it or to encourage a person to car-ry out orders given by the

organisation. The UDA leadership responded to the ban by saying they would always be there to "defend and protect our com-munity". It added that the ban had come as no surprise and that the prospect of proscription had influenced their strategy over the past two years.

Last night police and troops were on full alert although the police expect any trouble to be little more than isolated incidents. Michael Mates, the security minister, said any defiance by the UDA would merely confirm that it was the right decision to ban it. He added that he did not anticipate defiance as he believed the organisation had expected the ban.

Sir Patrick banned the organisation after a three-and-a-half month review of its activities. An assessment was underway before the general election and Sir Patrick has had consultations with Sir Hugh Annesley, the Royal Ulster Constabulary chief constable and Lieutenant

ing, in the province. He spoke to the prime minister about the ban before John Major left for Spain last

week. Sir Patrick said yesterday he was satisfied that the UDA was "actively and pri-marily engaged in the commission of criminal terrorist

The decision to prohbit the UDA, whose membership has fallen from an estimated 42,000 in 1972 to about 1.000, was welcomed by politicians in London, Dublin and by nationalist politicans in the province. Although the Department of Foreign Af-Continued on page 14, col 1

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Bosnia where it said civilians had been executed. The re-port said "thousands may strong sense of indepen-dence Lord Denning the for-mer Master of the Rolls under whom Lord Devlin BT likely to cut bills briefly served in the Court of

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent Britain has become the largest source of pollution in the northeast Atlantic, Green-BRITISH Telecom has given in to pressure from Oftel, the peace says in a report published today Page 5

telecommunications watchdog, to bring in pricing con-straints that should cut both household and business telephone bills.

Negotiators were still working on the fine print of the agreement but were confident that a deal would be announced today. BT has un-

dertaken in principle to keep price increases at 7.5 per cent below the rate of inflation for the next five years, and has agreed to further constraints that will result in reduced bills. The agreement will mean BT acquiescing to a much tougher price control

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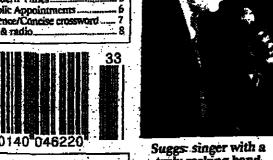
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Small quake in north London ... not many deaf

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RESIDENTS of three north London tower blocks raised the alarm after their homes began swaying gently, causing furniture to slide across the floor, a balcony to crack and a window to fracture. Convinced that a small earthquake was occuring police and fire brigade

BY NICK NUTTALL

arrived to carry out safety checks as worried residents gathered outside.

But scientists, after carefully checking seismic records, have decided that the phenomenon owed less to movement of the Earth's tectonic plates than to the driving beat of the charts. During the time the "earthquakes" were felt, between 9pm and 9.45pm on Saturday, the group Madness were holding a concert in the nearby Finsbury Park area. Researchers at the British Geological Survey in Edinburgh, who run the country's network of seismic detectors, suspect the band were using equipment

that generates inaudible vibrations that simulate those of an earthquake. Unlike a true earthquake, however, in which vibrations happen underground and travel some distance through the rocks, they believe the equipment generated shorter-lived vibrations along the

Chris Browitt, a scientist at the survey, said there was a precedent for the rock 'n' roll theory. On October 27, 1984, and on July 8, 1987, colleagues at the Royal Observatory in Brussels detected similar effects generated by Irish rock band U2. The Belgian scientists had a seismic detector five kilometres away which picked up the vibrations. It registered a monosonic signal at a frequency of 1.8 hertz, lasting for about four minutes, which was repeated at roughly every ten minutes and felt by people up to 500 kilometres away. Fur-ther research by the Belgians linked the

something similar happened with respect to the Madness concert ... we would like to know if they were using infrasound," said Dr Browitt. Although famous for hits such as House of Fun, residents in the Green Lane, Rowley Gardens and Anwell Court area of north London believe

ble vibrations, made by generators which work with the music and sound

systems to provide effects. "We suspect

Madness must have been playing the old standard Shakin All Over. One resident, who lives near the top of an eightstorey tower block, told survey scientists that his settee had swayed. "He told us that in that particular tower block people on the fifth floor down did not feel anything. So it was the top floors, which is what you would expect in an earthquake," Dr Browitt said.

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Yard questions man on Nickell murder

A 26-year-old photographic student was driven by police from Liverpool to a south London police station last night to be questioned by Scotland Yard detectives investigating the murder of Rachel Nickell on Wimbledon Common three weeks ago. Simon Murrell was arrested at his home after a tip-off to police from a member of the public on Miss Nickell died on the common on July 15. She was stabbed as she walked her two year old son and the family dog through a copse. Her son, Alex, was found clinging to

her body and had also been attacked.

Mr Murrell, originally a Londoner, has lived in Liverpool for the past year and is believed to have been in London at the time of the murder. Last night Scotland Yard

underlined that other men had also been arrested during the investigation and then released. Hampshire police confirmed yesterday that they had been in touch with the Yard about links to Katie Rackeliff, 19, killed at Camberley

in June. So far no connection has been found.

Spy case extension

NEWS IN BRIEF



Masked men: members of the Ulster Defence Association in the Protestant Shankill Road area of Belfast. In the early 1970s it had an estimated 40,000 members

How Ulster's 'strong arm' was shackled

DEMANDS for the banning of the Ulster Defence Association have been as much a part of recent history in Northern Ireland as the ritual condemnation of murder and sectarian slaughter.

Until yesterday, Conserva-tive and Labour governments had been reluctant to outlaw the organisation, in spite of its record of murder, extortion, intimidation, gun-running and racketeering. Why it has taken ministers so long to act against the UDA is one of the great mysteries of direct

A number of arguments have been advanced. In the early years the organisation was so large, and had such support within Loyalist working class areas, that it would have been an impossible task to enforce a ban. Others argued that the security forces could combat the organisation more easily if it remained legal rather than being driven underground. Others some hoped that it could be persuaded to abandon violence and enter the political process.

One further reason was put

ly. It was that the organisation had been compromised by informers and agents. This argument was given credence earlier this year when Brian Nelson admitted 20 terrorist offences, including conspiracy to kill five men, when he appeared at Belfast Crown Court. Nelson was a British army agent who had been chief intelligence officer in the

UDA for ten years. Founded in 1971, the Ulster Defence Association was and remains the largest Loyalist paramilitary organisation. It was set up to co-ordinate vigilante groups that had sprung up on working class areas of Belfast and other urban areas and was initially a defensive reaction to IRA violence.

It adopted the motto Law before Violence, organised on military lines and, at its peak in 1972, had an estimated membership of 40,000 people, who paraded in paramilitary-style outfits and provided the strongarm tactics in support of Loyalist protests. Its largest demonstrations took place in the summer of

Richard Ford traces the history of the Ulster Defence Association and the rising clamour of demands to tame it

cle in the Ulster Workers

Council strike that ended the

Sunningdale agreement and

the power-sharing govern-ment of Brian Faulkner. Its

intimidatory tactics, particu-

larly in mounting road

blocks, paralysed the prov-

ince and the newly elected government of Harold Wilson.

The government did not

1972 when, watched by the police and army, thousands of men in caps or bush hats marched through the centre of Belfast.

During that same summer, about 8,000 UDA men. in paramilitary uniforms and armed with iron bars, confronted 250 troops in west Belfast over plans for Loyalist barricades between Protestant and Catholic districts.

forget the lessons of that hu-The organisation reached its zenith in 1974 when its miliation and a second strike in 1977 was much less sucmembers provided the muscessful. By the time of the

BANNED DROWNSATIONS

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Saor Eire Cumann na Mbann (Women's section of IRA) Fianna na Helreann (Youth section of IRA) Ulster Freedom Fighter Ulster Volunteer Force

Anglo-Irish agreement in 1985, the association's influence had waned considerably and its reputation for gangsterism meant that most Unionist politicans were unwilling to use it to break the accord.

The association was disenchanted and suspicious of politicans. Its heartlands were suffering high unemployment, the security forces were better equipped and they would have been confronting Margaret Thatcher, whose reputation for not giving in had a powerful psychological effect on the thinking of the wider Loyalist community. By 1985, its membership had declined to less than 10,000.

The organisation, whose headquarters were in east Belfast, was run by a seven-man inner council with a brigade structure, headed by commanders, in the east, west, south and north of the city. Its supreme commander from 1973-88 was Andrew Tyrie, who was initially said to be trying to clean up its image, though he was unable to stop its descent into gang-

The city's licensed trade and the building industry were the main targets and, at one stage, the association was estimated to be making £2 million a year from drinking

It also attempted to project a political dimension putting forward such ideas as negotiated independence for Northem Ireland and an all-party coalition to run the province under a written constitution and Bill of Rights. Forays into electoral politics produced only negligible support. By the late 1980s the org-

anisation was dissolving into factions. In the space of a year, all members of its inner council were replaced by a younger element intent on weeding out informers and taking the struggle to the Republicans. They gave a harder and more professional edge to its activities, resulting in increased violence in which, under the cover name of the Ulster Freedom Fighters, it promised to match the IRA atrocity for atrocity.

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Deaf given hope by guinea pig

By NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH scientists have made a surprising discov-ery that may offer hope for people with apparently permanent deafness. Guinea pigs that became deaf after being given powerful anti-biotics have suddenly regained some or all of their

hearing. The findings, the fruit of more than three years' re-search, have been made by a team at Keele University. whose results are to be published in the journal Hearing Research.
Inner ear deafness, the

most common form of hear-ing loss, which occurs in some patients given power-ful antibiotics for such illnesses as TB and meningitis, in older people, and after exposure to loud noise, was thought to be irreversible.

Carole Hackney, leader of the auditory neuroanatomy group in the universi-ty's department of communication and neuroscience, said: "The first time we saw it happen we thought there was some-thing wrong with our com-puters or something else ... we did not quite believe it"

In people who suffer inner ear deafness the senso-ry hairs of the inner ear appear to die or become damaged. The hairs normally translate sound vi-brations into nerve impulses that are sent to the brain.

The first evidence that animals might be able to recover spontaneously from damage to the inner ear was in birds by two teams in America. "This research was greeted with great scepticism." Dr Hackney said. At the same time the Keele scientists were testing guinea pigs to see how damage occurred, rather to find signs of repair and recovery. Fifteen animals were used, and all have regained hearing three to four months after becoming deaf.

If the natural mechanism aiding repair in guinea pigs can be understood it may offer clues as to how this can be promoted in other mammals, including humans, the team hopes.

One-stop benefits system will lead to staff cuts

Red Hand Commandos

By JEREMY LAURANCE, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

A STREAMLINED social security system with a "onestop" shop for claimants would improve standards of service but mean cuts in the 70.000 staff, Peter Lilley, the social security secretary, said yesterday. His remarks were condemned by unions, which said staff cuts would lead to a worse service.

Mr Lilley said claimants had to cope with a welter of rules governing 25 benefits --such as child benefit, income support and housing benefit
— which are claimed, processed and paid in different ways. A single point providing the full range of benefits was a step towards fulfilling the agency's customer char-ter, he said. The charter

promised a "prompt and ac-

curate" system backed by "clear and accessible" help

and information. Claimants would be able to apply for different benefits in the same place instead of having to visit separate of-fices, Mr Lilley said. The pro-posals would help to reduce fraud and cut handling costs. "As we get more efficient there may be fewer jobs but the jobs that there are will be more interesting and reward-

ing," he said. Ann Robinson, head of policy at the Benefits Agency, an executive arm of the social security department, said the proposals had been agreed with staff. "Ultimately it is going to mean fewer jobs. We accept that that is inevitable but it will not happen over-

night." Unions representing staff in benefits offices reacted angrily.
The Civil and Public Ser-

vants Association, represent-ing 36,000 staff, said: "We are gob-smacked that the minister should be talking about staff cuts, given rising unemployment and the increasing pressure on offices." It said the plan was about pleasing Michael Portillo not pleasing the customer".

Mr Portillo, chief secretary to the Treasury, is looking for cuts in the £70 billion social security budget as part of this year's public spending

"The real test is whether any money saved by administrative changes is used to introduce improvements to the social security service."

benefits Lilley: step towards fulfilling customer charter

through the European Comnegotiations. The National Union of Civmunity's livestock unless contingency plans for containing il and Public Servants, reprethe highly contagious disease senting 20,000 staff, said: are in place, according to

animal health experts. The harmonisation of EC animal health regulations under the single market, due to take effect next January, has created an "increased potential for the spread of the disease should the virus gain they say in a paper in The Veterinary Record.

Until recently most EC member states conducted an-

nual mass vaccinations of farm animals against footand-mouth disease. Since 1990-1 vaccination has been abandoned in favour of the British policy of slaughtering and then burning or burying animals from infected herds and flocks. Vaccination has reduced foot-and-mouth on the Continent over the past 30 years, but is expensive and not always effective. Most re-cent outbreaks of the disease have been caused by improperly inactivated vaccines or the escape of the virus from laboratories and vaccine production plants.

Tim Doel, a vaccinologist at the Institute of Animal Health at Pirbright, Surrey. who is one of the authors of the paper, said: "Abandoning vaccination was the right

Scientists fear farm epidemic

The European single market increases the risk of a devastating outbreak of foot-andmouth disease. Michael Hornsby reports

Britain within the Communi-MASS outbreaks of foot-andty. But if the virus got into the EC from outside, the disease mouth disease could sweep could flare up to horrendous levels very quickly because livestock are no longer pro-tected. There is a potential for massive outbreaks in huge numbers of animals that

would be difficult to control." The scientists say the EC must be prepared to use vaccination as an emergency measure, in conjunction with slaughter, to prevent the spread of the disease beyond an infected zone even though this could lead to extended bans on the export of animals from that area. They are particularly worried about the possibility of foot-and-mouth

outbreaks in the big pig populations in Belgium and The Netherlands. The last serious outbreak of foot-and-mouth in Britain in 1981 was traced to pigs in northern France. Scientists believe a "virus plume" was carried on the wind across the Channel towards Britain, infecting animals on the Channel Islands and the Isle of Wight. Western Europe has been free of foot-and-mouth for several years, but the disease is widespread in North Africa and much of Eastern Europe.

From next year controls on livestock imports will be exercised at the EC's common external border. Once inside the EC, animals will be able

Scotland Yard's special branch was given court permission scottand rard's special branch was given countries for continue questioning a couple about espionage allegations, involving weapons technology and an eastern European country, for a further 36 hours. Magistrates in London agreed to allow detectives to continue to hold the couple at Paddington Green police station, west London. couple at raddington Green police station, west Lordon, for questioning under the Official Secrets Act. Michael Smith, an unemployed engineer, and his wife. Pam, of Kingston upon Thames, southwest London, were arrested at the weekend and have already been held for 60 hours. Any decision to prosecute under the Official Secrets Act and imprint the properties of the interpretage and The would involve the permission of the attorney-general. The progress of the investigation would be passed to the Crown

The first tremor of what could become a wholesale collapse among small independent travel companies was felt yesterday as Manchester Flight Centre ceased trading and was forced to call on its band to being back more than 7 000 was forced to call on its bond to bring back more than 2,000 customers on holiday. The company was one of hundreds set up over the past few years to trade in seat-only flights. Each company had to be licenced through the Civil Aviation Anthority and had to deposit a bond of up to 15 per cent of its turnover to act as an insurance cover in the event of the failing. This year many of the big operators entered the market to limit their losses from thousands of unsold package holidays. The crunch for other seat-only dealers is expected to come at the end of the month, when bills for next month's flying programme have to be paid.

Dentists support NHS

More than half all dentists are continuing to accept new NHS patients despite a ballot last month in which 80 per NHS patients despite a ballot last month in which 80 per cent said they were prepared to stop. The telephone survey of 350 dental practices indicates that while the threat to state-funded dental services is significant it might be less than previously supposed. The findings are, however, much worse than a government-sponsored survey published last February, which found that only one in four dentists were prepared to turn away new NHS patients. The latest survey was carried out for Which? Way to Health, the Consumers' Association magazine. In a senarate survey for the Association magazine. In a separate survey for the association, only 3 per cent of the 2,000 patients interviewed said they had been forced to go private after being refused NHS dental treatment during their last visit.

New penalty for pupils

Penalties for bad spelling in GCSE examinations are to be extended to cover course work as a result of increasing concern about poor standards. At the moment up to 5 per cent can be added to pupils' marks for good spelling. rammar and nunctuation in their final exams, in effect penalising poor performers. Ministers have decided that this should also apply to course work in the two years prior to the GCSE exam, although this now accounts for a decreasing proportion of the final result in most subjects. From this September, 40 per cent of the English GCSE will be based on course work, 30 per cent of the English literature exam and 30 per cent of science. Baroness Blatch, the education minister, will give details of the penalty system today.

Fireworks explosion

Three-and-a-half tonnes of fireworks exploded in underground storage bunkers after a fire spread through a fireworks warehouse at a former ammunition dump in Fauld, Staffordshire. The explosions sent flames shooting out of doors to the bunkers, owned by Fireworks International, and smoke was visible two miles away. It is believed the fire started during maintenance work on the doors. No one was injured. The concrete building housing the fireworks was built partially underground and covered with soil. The first explosion rocked the building but Keith Wiggin, senior divisional fire officer, said: "It's performed its job very, very well. It's contained the fire and contained any explosions that occurred." Firefighters controlled flames which had spread to surrounding grassland.

Rare ailment kills girl

A baby who could not be cuddled because of a rare skin
disease died yesterday, days after Tommy and Lorraine
Wilson, her parents, of Ouston, Durham, raised £10,000 to combat the illness. Kirsty Wilson was born less than six months ago with epidermolysis bullosa, an incurable ailment that causes painful blisters whenever the skin is touched. She was one of a handful of sufferers in Britain. Earlier this year a picture of her was used by a charity in a campaign to raise El million for research. A recent medical breakthrough means that a successful treatment could be only five years away if enough money is raised. The campaign is being organised by the Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa Research Association, of 1 Kings Road, Crowthorne, Berkshire, RG11 7BG.

Joint drink-drivers

Police arrested two men for drink-driving in the same car at the same time. Richard Browning, who uses a wheelchair, was steering and changing gears while Colin Smith. his friend, operated the clutch. Officers at first thought Smith. must have been the driver, but their video film showed both men had been in control of Smith's Triumph Dolomite. The men, both 20, and from Hailsham, East Sussex, failed breath tests. They admitted drink-driving, not having insurance and having no driving licence. Smith, who is unemployed, was banned from driving for 18 months and fined a total of £500 by magistrates at Eastbourne, East Sussex. The sentencing of Browning was adjourned until October after the court was told that another drink-driving case was due to be heard against him.

Hodgson takes lead

Julian Hodgson, the grandmaster from London, yesterday beat James Howell in the seventh round of the British Chess Championship in Plymouth and now leads with six points. Hodgson, playing black, overwhelmed his opponent after defending with the risky dragon variation of the Sicilian defence, forcing Howell into severe time trouble. Jonathan Mestel, the grandmaster and three times former champion from Cambridge, has still to finish his seventh round game against Jon Levitt. Mestel holds a slight advantage and victory will give him the shared lead. John Emins, who beat Andrew Webster. is on 5½ points, while Andrew Martin and Agron Summerscale are on five rounts. Andrew Martin and Aaron Summerscale are on five points. beating respectively Andrew Ledger and Michael Basman in the 11 game tournament.

Auntie bares all in vampire soap opera

By Simon Tait ARTS CORRESPONDENT

BBC TELEVISION is to begin filming an £800,000 serial this week that will combine nudity, violence, terror and the supernatural. The Vampire is an almost forgotten opera from the 1820s that has not been performed for 45 years and has never been recorded.

The mini-series will run over five consecutive days later this year, using the original music of the German composer Heinrich Marschner, with lyrics by Charles Hart, whose credits include The Phantom of the Opera and Aspects of Love. It will be produced by Janet Street-Porter, head of youth and entertainment features at the BBC. The series will be broadcast on BBC2 after 9pm because of the nudity and violence.

The director is Nigel Finch, co-editor of BBCZ's Arena documentary series. "We're not aiming this at the opera buffs," he said. "We're addressing the problem that opera doesn't work easily on television and. by taking a piece and dividing it up into five episodes with a cliff-hanger at the end of each, we're doing something that's never been tried before:

an opera soap opera."

Opera Factory, which has established a name for unconventional productions of classical opera, some of which have been televised, was commissioned to find three ideas. from which The Vampire was chosen.

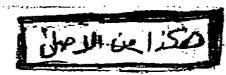
The production will star Richard Van Allen, Omar Ibrahim as the vampire and Fiona O'Neill, who has featured in previous Opera Factory produc-tions, as his final victim.

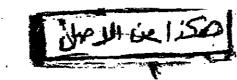
The opera was successful when first produced in 1829, running for 60 performances at the Lyceum in The Strand, but it has hardly been produced since. Marschner's music is rarely played now. The narrative is a gothic tale of a vampire offered an extra year on Earth if he can drain the blood of three women in three days. Predating Bram Stoker's novel.

Dracula, by almost 60 years, the opera borrows from several vampire myths popular in the late eighteenth

and early nineteenth centuries. "The storyline is updated and set in the 1990s, with the lords and ladies replaced by City whizz kids and their girlfriends." Mr Finch said. "There is an overture which works as a dramatic theme tune, a good aria for each episode and we'll be using techniques such as executed effects." niques such as special effects.

Instead of the vampire lurking in catacombs, the 1990s version lives in the penthouse flat on top of a bankrupt Docklands office block Ms Street-Porter said: "Nigel and I want-ed to work together on a ground-breaking project and our ambition is to bring opera to a new and wider audience via television. Combining a sharp score, which is unaltered from the nineteenth century original, and a modern story, we hope to achieve





1978 murder hunt revived as body in hills is identified

POLICE yesterday named the woman whose remains were discovered on a hillside in Somerset, Dental records and articles showed her to be Asha Bostan, 22, an insurance agent who vanished 14 years ago.

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Hapse fears

Murder squad officers said yesterday that they might travel to Japan to interview a former boy friend, and others in the friend, and others, in the hunt for Miss Bostan's killer. Det Supt Barry Stone, who is heading the investigation, told a press conference at Bridgwater, Somerset, that Miss Bostan was last seen alive early on May 3, 1978, at the Unicorn Hotel, Bristol, with her fiance. Yasuo Soma. "She left after they had rowed and she was never seen again."

The dead woman's sister, Saida Sparrow, from Yeovil, Somerset, said that Mr Soma had returned to Japan after the disappearance and had not been in touch with the family since. She said that Miss Bostan, who lived in a flat in Westbury on Trym, Bristol, was one of 11 brothers and sisters in a family of Ugandan Asians who had fled the Idi Amin

regime.
"One always hoped she was alive. The family are obviously upset," Mrs Sparrow said. "Even though she has been missing for more than 14 years, it is like being told she has just died. She was a decent girl who put other people before herself all the time." She said that

Mr Soma, a businessman from Tokyo, had met her sister while studying English in London. He had given a ring to her before he returned to Japan. He later returned to England on holi-day and stayed at the Uni-corn Hotel. After the holiday he went back to Japan.

Mrs Sparrow's brother-in-law, David Kelly, from Martock, near Yeovil, said that Mr Soma was "a very deep gentleman". He had not been in touch with the family since 1978. Det Supt Stone said that a

necklace and ring had been found near Miss Bostan's remains, which were discovered by a family walking on the Mendip Hills at Priddy, Somerser, last Wednesday. Police discovered a skull, a rib and some small bones with part of a skirt, a pair of black high-heeled shoes and a handbag.

Denial impressions were checked against missing persons' files, including those compiled after the disappearance of Suzy Lamplugh, the London estate agent. Det Supt Stone said he was satisfied after studying the records and items found around the remains that they were those of Miss Bostan. Forensic scientists are still trying to provide positive identification.

Det Supt Stone said that Miss Bostan's death was being treated as murder, although no evidence of injuries had yet been found. Miss Bostan's disappearance in 1978 led to a lengthy investigation. Det Supi Stone said yesterday: "The investigation did not come to a proper conclusion largely because her body was never recovered. It is our intention to continue the investigation in order to try and resolve it this time."

There was a "strong possibility" of detectives flying to Japan to interview Mr Soma and others, he said. "We believe he is in Japan but we do not know yet exactly where. We will be trying to trace him. We hope to interview him again and every other person involved in the year-long investigation."

Two officers travelled to Japan immediately after Miss Bostan's disappearance to interview Mr Soma. and returned home after three weeks. The investiga-tion was scaled down as no clues could be found to Miss Bostan's whereabouts.

The enquiry revealed that Mr Soma, an engineer then in his mid 20s, had been "besotted" with Miss Bostan. He had bombarded her with red roses and tapes of love poems. Miss Bostan was a part-

time model, who once appeared in the BBC1 television series Summertime Special, with Sacha Distel, the French singer. During the filming she was said to have become friendly with one of the show's stars, but police interviews with cast members failed to produce any new evidence.



Japanese link: Asha Bostan, 22, last seen alive with her fiancé from Tokyo

said Mr Rolfe next took out a

medicine bottle of liquid and

tried to persuade Mrs Armsby to drink it. Mr Rolfe

believed that the syringe and

bottle contained an aphrodis-

Mr Rolfe then made her

write a letter cancelling a

complaint to the police about

him, the jury was told. After

handing him the letter, she

was released. Mr Caton said.

Mr Rolfe, of Broxbourne,

iac, Mr Caton said.

Dismissal of career mother 'unfair'

after she parked in an executive's space won her unfair dismissal claim yesterday. But the tribunal said that

Soheila Kimberley, 41, an advertising manager, was 30 per cent to blame for her dismissal from Teesdale Publishing in London in October last year. The amount of compensation will be decided later.

James Croom-Johnson, the iribunal chairman, said Mrs Kimberley was not given enough warnings about her personal conduct and her time keeping, which was also

Mrs Kimberley, 41, of Church Close, Whetstone, north London, who earned £17,000 and drove a convertible Ford XR3 company car, had said she was told by her employers that she had "an attitude problem" when she insisted on driving her two young daughters to school. She told Ebury Bridge Industrial Tribunal, in Chelsea, that she never got to work later than 10am and had an agreement to make up time

at evenings and weekends. The company produces magazines including Motorsport. Mrs Kimberley admitted using the parking space of David Williams, the magazine's editor, but said it was only after she arrived earlier than him after a warning about her time keeping.

Mrs Kimberley also said she was driven out because William, her husband, a former deputy editor for one of the group publications, left to join a competitor. After the hearing she said: "I'm very glad it's all over."

The company has 28 days to reach an agreement on

back but she refused, Mr

Caton said. Two days later,

Mrs Armsby heard a moan

outside her house. It was Mr

Rolfe 2nd he told her he could

not live without her. Once in

the house. Mr Caton alleged.

he punched her, knocking

Mrs Armsby, of Hertford,

complained to the police and

Mr Rolfe was ordered to keep

The case continues.

away from her.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Topless woman in court

A young woman stunned Cardiff Crown Court yesterday when she burst into a crowded courtroom wearing nothing but a culotte-type skirt, allegedly in protest at the arrest of her boyfriend.

Mr Recorder Patrick Harrington was hearing an assault trial in front of a jury. WPC Caroline Hopkins quickly tackled the topless voman, wrapped her uniform jacket around her, and marched her off with two policemen. A woman from Rhondda, Mid Glamorgan. was in custody last night being questioned about public order offences

Cheque hoax

A cheque for \$20,000 (£10,416) to the Youth Hostels Association has been re-turned, marked "account closed". The donation was made last week by an American guest at the City of London hostel. The association said: "There was some scepticism about such a large donation. We decided to give the donor the benefit of the doubt. It is a shame that this one turned out to be a hoax."

Jail 'prize'

Steve Wassell, 33, a businessman, from Henley-in-Arden. Warwickshire, paid £300 at a charity auction to spend a day at Armley prison, Leeds. The visit, donated to the auction by the governor, has been attacked by prison reformers as barbaric and as exposing inmates to voyeurism. The auction, at Harewood House, near Leeds, raised more than £46,000 for a children's unit at St James's hospital, Leeds.

Protest at mint

Police were called to the Irish Mint yesterday when striking workers staged a sit-down protest as security lorries arrived at the Central Bank's currency centre, at Sandyford, in Dublin, to collect money. Eleven assistants were suspended last week in a dispute over work practices. Talks aimed at settling the dispute are expected to take place at the Labour Relations Commission today.

Jurors told to avoid moral issue

By Lin Jenkins

A JURY was yesterday warned not to let its views on the morality of politicians private lives or the muckraking of newspapers influence them in the case of the man accused of stealing the document which disclosed details. relationship with his former

secretary. Judge Michael Coombe, summing up at the Central Criminal Court in the case of Simon Berkowitz, said the political and topical background to the case had to be put aside. He warned the jury not to use this trial in any sense or form as a vehicle to express a view on the morality of politicians and newspapers or the lack of morality of either. This is not the place to resolve that argument which has become topical recently with another politician."

Mr Berkowitz, 45. of Hove, Sussex, denies stealing the document and £223.63 in January this year from the offices of Mr Ashdown's solicitors Bates. Wells and Braithwaite, in the City. He denies a further charge of handling stolen property.

Neil Bullock, defending,

said Mr Berkowitz and the News Of The World thought they had a spicy and meary story in the details contained in Mr Ashdown's solicitor's memorandum about the Liberal Democrat leader's affair with Patricia Howard.

"Clearly the News of the World felt it could run a salacious scandal in their style in the run-up to a general election." However, he added that the theft of the document had been, in the solicitor's own words, a million-to-one chance. What had been presented as a "story of greed, opportunism and political muckraking", was also, he said "a story of inside knowledge, cunning and careful planning. A story of a menculous ser-up. The jury will retire today to

consider its verdict.

Last travellers quit Hampshire sites

By LOUISE HIDALGO

HAMPSHIRE was yesterday counting the cost as the last of more than 3,000 travellers who gathered at two sites near Winchester at the weekend were moved off. :

More than 500 police officers from five counties were involved in the 72-hour operation, first to prevent the travellers settling and then to evict them from the two main illegal encampments that they set up near Romsey and Outerbourne. The Police Federation estimated policing

costs at more than £500,000. County engineers were yesterday trawling through wreckage caused after a council-owned incinerator plant at Otterbourne was set alight and vandalised. Damage was estimated at £1 million. Earl Ferrers, who is involved in the Home Office review of the law regarding mass trespass, visited Hampshire yesterday to discuss the events with the

county police and local MPs. At Romsey more than 250 officers began evicting travellers at the smaller site. About 40 vehicles seemed to leave quietly after travellers were given two hours to leave by uniformed police handing

out eviction notices. In Otterbourne police had served eviction notices on more than 2,000 travellers the previous evening. By 2pm all that remained were about 10 vehi-cles leaving, blocked by a broken-down bus.

The High Court has ordered a hunt for two missing children whose mother is betravellers at Otterbourne. Leslie Hopkins, of Norwich, has not seen his daughter Jenny, 9, and son Gareth, 6. since he handed them to Christina Cudyllglas, their mother, for a routine access visit on July 26.

Mary Pearce, solicitor for Mr Hopkins, said: "They are travelling in a single-decker black bus which has a white roof, stripes along the sides and the word 'Manana' painted over the destination board." The children have been away in the bus in the past on the understanding that their mother keeps in contact with their father. Reporting restrictions have

been lifted and Judge Hyam. sitting at Norwich, appealed for anyone who has seen the children to come forward.



Murder victim: Tracey Carey, 20, had her throat cut as her 17-month-old daughter. Kayleigh, slept. A 35year-old man was being questioned last night in connection with the murder. Police in Trowbridge. Wiltshire, believe Miss Carey had been lying for more than 12 hours before her body was discovered on Sunday at the foot of a staircase by her father, Derek. She had died as a result of a frenzied knife attack.

Woman 'kidnapped' by spurned lover

Hertfordshire, denies mak-

ing a threat to kill Mrs

Armsby and common assault

against her on March 13 this

year. He also pleads not guilty to kidnapping her on April 7

and common assault on that

Armsby had ended their rela-

tionship early this year. On March 11, Mr Rolfe and his

wife went to Mrs Armsby's

home to ask her to take him

Mr Caton said that Mrs

A MAN kidnapped his exgirlfriend and tried to inject her with an aphrodisiac. St Albans Crown Court was told yesterday. Martin Rolfe, 47, put on a wig and dark glasses to abduct Maureen Armsby. 45, and carry her off in his car, it is alleged.

Mr Rolfe tried to ram a syringe into Mrs Armsby's throat and then the palm of her hand, it was claimed. Peter Caton, prosecuting,

Hospital manager resigns

By TIM JONES

SENIOR manager at Guy's Hospital, London, who has been exposed as having a conviction for impersonating a doctor, resigned yesterday. Hospital administrators

have began an enquiry into how they came to appoint the Roy Grimshaw, who was jailed for six years in 1983. He is said to have carried out more than two dozen operations, despite having no medical qualifications.

Yesterday a man claiming to be Mr Grimshaw telephoned Sky television and said he had made no mention of his criminal past because he thought his offences were "spent" under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act. Sky said the man denied falsifying references he gave when applying for the job, which he has held since last month.

Marion McCrindle, the personnel manager at Guy's, said: "References are always taken up, normally in writ-ing, and provide an added but not critical element."

Mr Grimshaw previously worked as Chase Farm Hospital in Enfield, north London. Chase Farm confirmed that he worked there for about six weeks as business manager for medical services. "He left because he got a better job at Guy's. We had no complaints about him," a spokeswoman said.

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Seychelles sun spurned for Sheffield

By JOE JOSEPH

GIVEN a choice between a £1,500 holiday in the Seychelles, which involves lying under the sun, skipping in the sand and swilling the local cane sugar rum, and unlimited access to Sheffield for the next few years, which involves a measure of masochism, it is not hard to guess which many people

Yorkshire is so obviously the choice that it took Michael Crookes barely two shakes of a paim tree to spurn his employers' offer of a trip to the Indian Ocean in favour of a season ticket to Sheffield United until the next century. Sunshine in the Seychelles fell into Mr Crookes's lap when Severn Trent Water wanted to reward him for 40

years' service. Most people might struggle to imagine the Seychelles and Sheffield sharing much beyond a capital S and the right to elect their own mayors. But they shared a platform, briefly, for the 55-year-old Mr Crookes.

In the end, however, he found the idea of flying all that way across the world just to enjoy himself too exotic. He prefers the 12-mile trip to Sheffield United's ground at Bramall Lane and a quiet life, which, the way United play.

can sometimes be the same thing. "I've never been one for holidays." Mr Crookes said yesterday. "I've never been away. I prefer to stay at home and watch the football or the cricket on television. I really enjoy my work, so I'm not bothered about time off." Mr Crookes, from Bamford in Der-

byshire, has been a Blades fan for the past 50 years, though that alone can-not account for his unpredictable decision-making A general maintenance worker at Severn Trent's Barnford water treatment works, he has measured out his life in football matches and treated water.

For the first home game of the season, when United play Wimbledon, his bosses want the Blades' manager, Dave Bassett, to present Mr Crookes with his multiple season ticket before kick-off.

The club's secretary. David Capper. said: "We'd like to thank Mr Crookes for his long and dedicated support and we're delighted he chose to use his long service award in this way." The Seychelles' loss is Sheffield's gain.

Young Biggles dreams of early sorties

FLYING enthusiast Biggles Bristol, 8. from Ely. Cambridgeshire, was given a preview yesterday of a model biplane, one of hundreds going under the hammer at Christie's in London later this mark at an auclater this week at an auction of air transport memo-rabilia. The model was a Sopwith 7 F.I. (Snipe), as flown by "A" flight of 56 Squadron, at Biggin Hill, in Kent, from May 1923 to September the following year. lowing year.

The auction covers a range of aircraft, engines and aviation art from the Battle of Britain to the space age. One of the high-lights is a wooden replica of the first vertical take-off aircraft. It is the only truescale replica in existence of the Bachem Be 349 "Nat-ter" (Viper), an example of which is on display in the Smithsonian Institution, in

The aircraft was pro duced under the control of the Nazis towards the end of second world war as a semi-suicidal ram fighter in a desperate attempt to arrest heavy Allied bombing raids over Germany. At least 30 aircraft of its kind were launched but were never used in combat because the Third Reich



Reach for the sky: Biggles Bristol inspecting a model Sopwith Snipe at a Christie's auction preview

Repossessed houses should be let to the homeless, says study

MORTGAGE lenders have 68,490 repossessed homes standing empty and awaiting sale, most of which could be used to house homeless families. And experts believe that there are another 40,000 homes not yet on lenders' books which have been abandoned by owners unable to meet their payments. Steve Wilcox, joint author

of the most recent authoritative report on repossessions. says bar some very expensive property that would be un-suitable for housing low-in-come families, the majority of this stock could be let on short-term leases.

The extra 100,000-odd houses that could come into use this way would be on top of the 764,000 houses stand-ing empty in Britain for other reasons. The housing charity Empty Homes Agency calls it an insult to the country's 145,800 homeless people.

Lenders challenge the assumption that most of these houses could be used. Mark Boléat, director-general of the Council of Mortgage LendRachel Kelly finds mortgage lenders have thousands of repossessed houses vacant in the third of a series on empty properties

ers, says that many are in a state of disrepair or not in areas of housing need. But lenders admit to delays in reselling repossessions. In most cases they can claim mortgage indemnity pay-ments from insurance companies only once repossessed

homes have been sold. Mr Wilcox, senior research ssociate at the centre for housing management at the University of Wales and co-author of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation's report on mortgage arrears last month, concedes that many houses are in poor condition. But he says letting them through housing associations or councils would benefit

both lenders and taxpayers.
"Some of these homes have been empty for quite a while,"
he says. "They have been
stripped right out." He says
there would be a cost involved in doing up the houses and a public cost of paying housing benefit to the tenants, but it would still be cheaper than bed and breakfast bills run up by councils and housing associations, which average

£15,500 per family per year. It would also mean that lenders would get some in-come back from the property. and the presence of a tenant would save the house from further deterioration. "Every-body wins," says Mr Wilcox.

The effect of such schemes could be far greater than the mortgage-rescue package announced by the government before Christmas, Mr Wilcox helieves. Leasing schemes were endorsed by the government before the Christmas rescue package was con-structed, but were criticised at the time on the grounds that they would not directly pre-vent repossessions. It has since been acknowledged that the government's own package has done little to aven repossessions or to stimulate

the market. Some lenders, such as Nationwide, have already begun leasing repossessed houses. A spokesman said: "It is too early to say how many such properties we will be able to rent out. We have got a few schemes going and we are ralking to other councils around the country."

A spokeswoman for the Council of Mortgage Lenders said that not all people who had been repossessed had become homeless. According to figures from the environment department, of the 38,460 households accepted as homeless in the first quarter of 1992, only 10 per cent of them were because of mort-

gage arrears.

13 The government is to invest £635 million in housing associations in London and the home counties to provide 12,000 new homes for rent and sale to those on low incomes. There are 44,600 families in temporary accommodation in London at the moment, a sharp increase from 28,500 families last

Janet Daley, page 10

Family given a new lease on life

Council, Lincoinshire, has been rehousing people made homeless through repossession in properties that its records show have been empty for between 12 and 18

months.

Harry Thomas, from the council, said a We thought that if would make sense for the lenders to let us use these empty homes in the short

The council contacted all the local lenders outlining its plan. The Nationwide was the first to respond and provided the empty properties, the rent for which is paid by the tenant to the building society via a local estate agent. The council provided the tenants, who are paying their rent with the help of housing benefit.

· Len and Debra Cook say they are delighted with their new home in Grantham. which has a bathroom with whirl bath. "We couldn't believe our luck," Mrs Cook said. The couple had been on South Kesteven council's housing list for more than four years. The property was taken over by the Nationwide because the buyers could not keep up with their mortgage. The couple and their three

children lived previously in a rented two-bedroom house in Grantham that they claimed was damp. in a poor state of repair and had a bathroom in the cellar with dangerous

Mr Cook paid £50 a week rent for the house, where they lived for over five years, and snapped up the offer of the repossessed home when it

answer to our prayers but there is a problem because the building society still has it on the market for an asking price of £36,950." Mr. Cook

People come round to look at it and if someone decides to buy it we will have to move out. It is like having a dark cloud hanging over us. I would like the council to buy it and rent it to us because it its us down to the ground.

The couple pay £60 a week

rent for the house, equivalent to the basic repayment on a £30,000 mortgage at present rates. They moved in five weeks ago and have already started work on the property. Mr Cook said: "The deal worked out between the council and the building society is definitely a good idea. It benefits people like us who can't get a house. It also means that the property isn't standing empty and deterio-



Cook: delighted with family's new home

director, says: "The govern-ment may need to impose a

statutory levy on the credit

industry or maybe they should promise to match, pound for pound, voluntary

contributions from the pri-

vate sector ... There may also

be scope for considering a

funding scheme linked to

Last night the trade and

industry department said

debt recovery.

Debt weighs down **500,000** families

BY NICHOLAS WATT

MORE than 500,000 households are grappling with debts they cannot pay and only 14 per cent receive ex-pert financial advice that could help them to recover, a report says today. The news comes as figures showed yesterday that consumers were concentrating on paying off debt rather than shopping.

In today's report the Nat-ional Consumer Council says that 300,000 households are six months or more in arrears with their debts and record numbers, many unemployed, can no longer afford to pay their mortgages. The council accuses the government of providing minimal help and calls on the trade and industry department to take the lead in providing advice centres. Citizens' Advice Bu-reaux, funded mainly by local councils, are the principal

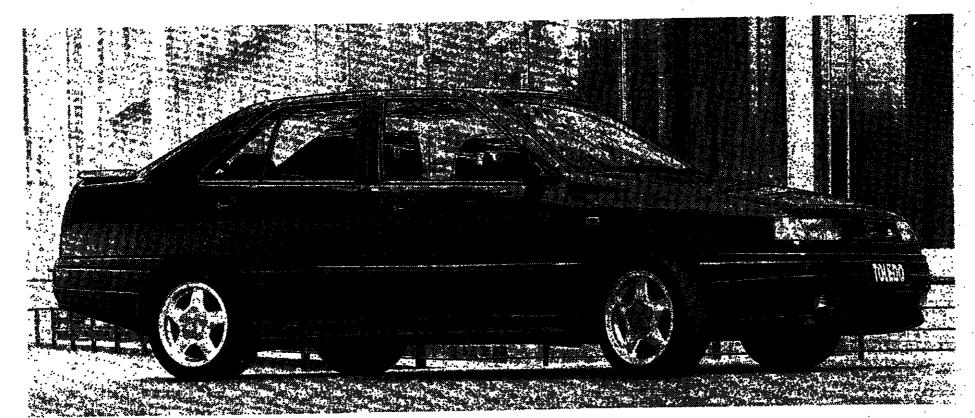
Ruth Evans, the council's

that a statutory levy on the credit industry would be "bureaucratic", and would be more difficult to administer than a voluntary one. The government was not pre-pared to match funds from the finance industry for advice centres. The Council of Mortgage

Lenders insisted that lack of money, not lack of advice, was the main problem.

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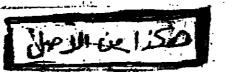
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Greenpeace attacks 'legal' pollution of British waters

BRITAIN has become the largest source of pollution in the northeast Atlantic, published today.

The environmental group's report calls for an end to the "legal pollution" of Britain's rivers and surrounding seas. The pollution is the result of the system whereby companies can obtain consents to discharge from the National Rivers Authority, it says.

The latest government data show that, nearly 20 years after signing the Paris convention on eliminating marine pollution, Britain continues to pour effluent from about 12,000 "legal" discharge points More than 5,000 ionnes of toxic pollutants are noured into the sea every year.

A report by the NRA, to be released at next month's ministerial meeting of the Paris commission, which was established after the convention in 1974, identifies nine pollution "hot spots" in England and Wales. They are the Solent, and the estuaries of the

acknowledged that in future Humber, Tees. Thames. emissions will have to be cut to Tyne, Wyre, Mersey. Dee and

The level of pollution in Britain's rivers and seas is an issue of national and Europe an embarrassment," Tim Birch, Greenpeace toxic campaigner, said yesterday. The public needs to know that the government and the NRA are allowing British industry to destroy our rivers and seas."

There must be a fundamenas set out in the 1990 white paper on the environment, which is that "rivers have to be used for waste disposal by industry", the Greenpeace report says. Instead it must commit itself to a phased programme of eliminating toxic discharges into the mar-

ine environment The royal commission on environmental pollution recently recommended that progressively less reliance should be placed on the environment as a mechanism for processing wastes, it points out. The chemical industry itself has

Improved

training

urged for

child care

THE officials who decide the

future of children who may

need care in Scotland should

have more training and a basic qualification for entry,

according to a study commis-

sioned by Ian Lang, the Scot-

tish secretary.

The service offered by re-

porters to children's panels

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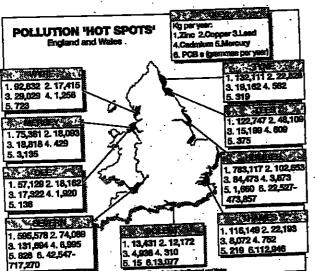
reporters' accountability, more

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study also recommends that



Hooligans force vicar to alter his timetable

Parishioners are too frightened to attend a church's evensong services on dark evenings in Llanelli, says

A VICAR in Llanelli, Dyfed, which has been labelled a modern-day Sodom and Gomorrah, is bringing his evening services forward two hours because his parishioners are afraid to go out after dark.

Tim Jones

Canon Anthony Williams, the vicar of Ali Saints' church, said: "The streets of Llanelli are no place for people of any age, let alone the elderly on dark winter evenings. This is a terrible reflection of the times in which we are living."

Two years ago, another churchman, who compared the town with the biblical wicked cities, blamed "moral decline" for lawlessness in Llanelli. On that occasion, the handhag of a BBC reporter sent there was stolen while she inter-

viewed young people.

Canon Williams said parishioners preferred to attend evensong in the afternoon than risk walking to church on dark winter evenings. "In the summer we get good congregations for evening services, where many elderly people attend. but fewer people come in the winter because they are scared of troublemakers."

He said one woman's handbag was snatched from her on her way to evensong. On another occasion, burning paper was pushed under the door of the church during a service.

said. The police are so overworked that they can-

times." any other town of similar size in England and Wales.

been demonstrated by the seal virus of 1988, which wiped out half the population of common seals in the Wash; massive algal blooms which closed shell fisheries from the Humber to Scotland; and breeding failures among seabirds in Scotland. Post mortem analyses of dolphins have shown high levels of organochlorine and heavymetal contamination.

The threat to wildlife has

There has also been a marked deterioration in river quality in the UK, Greenpeace claims. In 1980 about 2,400 miles of river were classified as being badly polluted; in 1990 the figure was more than 2,900 miles. Between 1981 and 1990 the number of reported water pollution inci-dents rose from 12,600 to

The failure of the system is caused by lack of understanding of the true scale and nature of river and marine pollution. it says. The NRA at present regularly monitors only four elements in assessing river quality: dissolved oxygen, biochemical oxygen demand, sus-pended solids and sometimes

As stated by the royal commission, such monitoring does not give a comprehensive picture of the state of UK rivers. Many water uses are profoundly influenced by the presence of other substances, including plant nutrients, pesticides and metals."

There is no information on the ecological effects of 99.99 per cent of all chemicals at present discharged into rivers and the sea, Greenpeace

The concept of "dilute and disperse", long adopted by the government, has failed to protect the environment. High levels of pollutants are accumulating in rivers and in the sea, and an unpublished report for the North Sea Task Force shows that high levels of heavy metals, including cadmium, are to be found as far out to sea as the Dogger

According to Greepeace, 40 per cent of all toxic heavy metals and 84 per cent of polychlorinated biphenyls entering the North Atlantic come from the UK, supporting accusations that Britain is "the

dirty man of Europe". As an urgent priority the government must eliminate the discharge of organochlo-rines, persistent hydrocarbons and dangerous heavy metals into Britain's rivers and seas, it says. Radioactive discharges should also be ended.

Members of Greenpeace will begin a five-week motor vessel tour of Britain today, investigating several of the "hot spots" identified by the NRA. It will name the main polluters and release the results of recent discharge samples.

Organic farmer leads the way

Helen Browning is returning to traditional farming - and making a profit in the

process, writes Michael Hornsby

THERE are few farmers to day who can claim to be happy and successful. But Helen Browning, who farms 1,350 downland acres at ostone, Wiltshire, qualifies for both adjectives. She saw the way things were going several years ago and resolved to make her own plans rather than wait for others to make the choices.

Armed with a degree in agriculture, she took over the farm from her father in 1986. aged 26. "My father was a good farmer but quite an intensive one and did his fair share of ripping out hedges," she said. "A lot of 25-acre fields were enlarged to 50 acres, unnecessarily in my view, but everyone was doing it at the time." She is now getting grants to restore hedgerows her father was naid to take out.

Ms Browning and her husband Henry Stoye, an agricultural engineer, are tenants of the Church Commissioners. She inherited her farm free of debt and, unlike many farmers, her father had not recklessly over-borrowed during good times. That helped her when she converted to organic farming soon after taking over, a decision prompted as much by business considerations as by concern about the impact of intensive farming on the countryside and animal welfare. Six years later, she has no regrets. Indeed, she feels vindicated by the latest re-

tural policy.
"The old system was geared. to intensive farming. The subsidy was built into the guaranteed price, so the more a farmer could squeeze out of his acres, the bigger the subsidy he got. Now Brussels is switching to acreage pay-ments, which are unrelated to the amount you grow. So things are at last moving in the direction we were already

forms of the common agricul-

The farm had always been a mixed enterprise, a prerequisite for organic farming, which uses crop rotation and animal manure to maintain soil fertility and control pests and disease. The farm has 260 Friesian dairy cows. About 180 calves not needed as dairy herd replacements are raised each year as beef cattle. A flock of 700 ewes produce 900 lambs a year. Since taking over from her father, Ms Browning has added 65 rare British saddleback sows, which are kept outdoors in free-range

conditions and produce about 1.300 pigs a year. All pasture is now organi-



home-grown organic grain. The farm is fairly labourfarmhands, and requires a high level of stockmanship. The pigs, for example, have to be moved to fresh pasture every two months or so to avoid a build-up of parasites and diseases. The use of antibiotics is permitted under organic rules only in extremis. We have needed to use only one shot of antibiotics in the last eight months, to treat a

sow with a bad hock." Ms Browning said that her most important decision had been to do her own retailing. She thinks all farmers will increasingly have to do the same if they are to protect

organic label and are sold by mail order. The butchering and preparation of the meat is done at a shop she opened a year ago in Shrivenham, just over the border in Oxfordshire. In the next few weeks the bacon-curing and sausage-making are to be transferred to a converted stable block on the farm itself. Ms Browning sees the mail-order business as the financial core of the farm's future.

Of the 700 acres under cereals, mainly wheat and barley, about 200 acres are grown organically. She plans to put about 100 acres of cereals still being conventionally grown into "set aside"

subsidies Brussels is paying to compensate for the 39 per cent cut in cereal support prices that will be phased in "I plan to use the payments

to help meet the costs of converting the remaining conventional acreage to organic methods," she says. Once the whole farm is organic, Ms Browning says she will be free of the dependence on the support price that dogs other farmers. Her organic wheat yields are about a third lower than those of the conventionally grown variety, but she expects to get a price of about £180 a tonne this harvest, compared with about £110 from her conventionally

NEWS IN BRIEF

Father is jailed for cruelty

father who fractured 21 bones in his six-week-old son's body was jailed for two years yesterday. St Albans Crown Court was told that the baby was swung by his legs, hugged and squeezed in temper. thrown violently into his cot and his right arm was

wrenched back.
Julian Felstead, 30, Albury, Hertfordshire, told police: I just cannot believe all the damage I have done to him." Felstead, unemployed, admitted cruelty to his son.

A former handyman and

gardener at a children's home, Felstead had shown patience and care with the youngsters in council charge. But he told officers that he could not cope with looking after the baby and lost his temper on several

Peter Caton, for the prosecution, said the baby was seen at hospital on March 3. Among other injuries, he had a fracture diagnosed as a "severe non-accidental injury" caused by violent shaking of his head against a floor or wall.

Police hunt gay man for killing

Detectives are hunting a practising homosexual for the killing of a man in Bradford, Yorkshire. Det Supt Andy Brown, who is leading the enquiry, appealed for help from the city's gay community in tracking down the murderer.

The body of Michael Towler, 57, was found in the living room of his home in Horton Bank Top last week. He had been killed in a frenzied knife attack.

Tourist raped

An Italian tourist was raped early yesterday morning within 48 hours of arriving in Britain after befriending a man who offered to show her around London. The woman. 18, met the man in Leicester Square while waiting for her boy friend to finish work. The man took her to St James's Park, where he threatened and raped her.

Plea to courts

David Blakey, the West Mercia chief constable, urged the courts to take tougher action over assaults on police after 18 of his officers were hurt in weekend violence. A number of people appeared in court at Telford and Hereford on charges of assaulting police

Daltrey threat

The rock singer Roger Daltrey, lead singer of the group The Who, has stepped up security at his fish farm at lwerne Minster, near Blandford Forum, Dorset, after bomb threats from animal rights activists.

Ski speed trap

Beach patrols in Torbay are to use police-style radar guns to stop waterskiers speeding near crowded beaches. Offenders face a fine of £400.

Blighted village awaits the first Texaco removal vans

THE "man from Texaco" will arrive in Rhoscrowther, Dyled, next week to follow up the company's offer to buy the entire village. For some, his arrival will signal a new start; for others, the death of a community. Most of the 101 residents want to take the offer. They have wanted to leave since an explosion in the 500-acre refinery on January 10 shook their houses.

Texaco sent letters to the residents last month saying that it would relocate homeowners "in the spirit of being a good neighbour". On the face of it, the deal looks good. Texaco will buy residents' houses at an agreed market value and pay relocation costs. Arrangements are still being made for council tenants, some of whom want to remain

Guy Caren, a consultant surveyor, is acting for Texaco in the buy-up. On his way to Rhoscrowther, he will see came under public scrutiny some of the most beautiful countryside in Wales. But he will have to follow the signs for Texaco: there are none for the village until you are almost

> there. The refinery is an ugly wound in the landscape. Chimneys thrust into the clouds, the plant belches clouds of water vapour and there is a pungent smell of burning. Tall trees are dying from the top down. Judith Jones, 35, cannot

wait for Mr Caren to start of control.

Peter Prynn, landlord of the Crowther lnn, has taken a leading role in campaigning on the open market." Mr Prynn said. "They say they're being good neighbours. They can gift-wrap it how they like. We just have to sort out the financial arrangements and make sure they're not too tight-fisted."

clear-cut. There have been endless meetings in the community hall and six families are refusing to move. Their view is summed up by Albert

Powell, 76, a council tenant. "I came here in 1937." he said. "My wife and I have lived in this house for 42 years and we've been very happy. Suddenly in 1964 they started building this Texaco thing and it's just gradually got out

They're breaking up a village. The people who say they're worried about the danger should have left on January 11 if they are that worried. You could just as easily go out on the roads and be killed. I don't want money. I'd rather have my simple life."

Many householders fall somewhere between the two views. Doug Evans, 54, and his wife Sheila, 47, have spent the past 11 years refurbishing their home. "It is heartbreaking," he said. "I bought this house to retire in. Part of me says no, but another part says we've got to leave because this will become a ghost village."



Keen to go: Judith Jones with her son Jonathan

whisky to **EC** soar

By Kerry Gill

SCOTLAND's best known product, whisky, seems to have become the Europeans' antidote to the recession. Figures released yesterday by the Scotch Whisky Association show that exports of the "golden cratur" have risen to record

During the first half of this year, 20 million more bottles of Scotch were sold overseas, compared with the same period last year. Shipments were worth £870.7 million compared with £779.5 million last year, an increase of nearly 12 per cent. Although the United States

is the biggest single foreign market, the European Community is by far the most valuable, accounting for 40 per cent of all exports. The French, Italians and the Spanish head the league table of Scotch drinkers in Europe. The association says Scotch is now the fashionable drink for young continentals. Tony Tucker, the association's director of public affairs, said the UK market had been affected by the price rises caused by the past three Budgets.

James Bruxner, chairman of the association, said: "At a time when recession is affecting many countries around the world, it is very encouraging to see that the industry is continuing to significantly in-

Exports of | £24m council error blamed on lawyer

By Douglas Broom

Camden council facing an unexpected £24 million bill for the repayment of a loan a year earlier than expected, according to the report of an enquiry commissioned by the council. The error over the repay-

ment date led to council rents being raised by 26 per cent last Christmas. Because the loan was taken out to pay for new housing the council was prevented from increasing the poll tax to cover the loss. Andrew Arden, QC, who

carried out the investigation, said the money had been borrowed in 1986 as part of a 100 million scheme to allow Camden to continue building council homes in spite of new government spending restrictions. After problems raising the full amount, the council decided early in 1988 to repay £24 million of the loan over five years instead of the ten years originally specified.

Tony Watts, a member of Camden's legal department who has since left the council. signed the revised repayment documents but failed to appreciate that the five-year period would run from the date of the original deal in 1986. As a result the council had not put aside reserves to meet the bill for £24.2 million when it was presented by the French Banque Paribas last July.

Mr Arden's report also criticised the council's former chief executive, Frank Nickson,

A LAWYER'S mistake left now retired, for the way in which he handled complaints by opposition councillors about the deal. His deputy,

David Riddle, who is now

chief executive of Welwyn

Hatfield council in Hertford-

shire, was criticised for failing

to ensure that councillors were kept informed. Herbert Robinson, a legal officer, was censured for his response to a request from the finance department for advice on the legality of altering the loan deal, which involved paying a higher rate of

Mike Freeland, now assistant director of finance, was criticised for failing to make sure that a special fund was set up to repay the loan and for failing to keep councillors informed of developments.

Mr Arden concluded: "Standards of decision-making at Camden council have, at least on occasions, been as low as those of any other authority of which I have experience. To find that one confronts a bill of £24 million in one financial year that is not expected until the next is, quite simply, an unacceptably low standard of public financial

management." Julie Fitzgerald, the council leader, blamed government attempts to control the counal's budget. However, she said the council accepted the report and its recommendations would be implemented.

weigh: dow ettie familie

"Recently our evensong was interrupted by some-one firing an airgun through the window," he not contain the problem. It is a sad indictment of our

Supt Alan Jones said: "Llanelli is no worse than The chances of an elderly person being attacked are one in 12,000 and only one person over the age of 60 has been robbed since

Lang commissioned study into reporters

reporters should provide an annual report and that the reporter in each authority should be given the status of a chief officer while retaining an independent position. The study is the first time that the post of the reporter to children's panels has been examined since its creation in 1968. The reporter is a key

figure in the children's hearings system. As the system has become established, the reporter's role has grown in dealing with children who are alleged to have committed offences or who are believed to be in need of care.

He or she is the official to whom all referrals must be made regarding children considered to need compulsory measures of care. The role of the reporter

after the case in which nine Orkney children were seized by social workers and police after allegations of sexual abuse. The children were returned to their homes after Sheriff David Kelbie launched an attack on the way the local children's panel and social workers handled the affair. Sheriff Kelbie said that the procedures adopted by the panel and Gordon Sloan, its reporter, had been so flawed as to be incompetent.

By PETER VICTOR

work. She, her husband Robin, and their three young sons went house-hunting last week. The news of the offer was amazing," she said. "I just want to go now. After the explosion happened l just thought that it could happen

to be moved out of the village. "Texaco is offering like for like

For others, the issue is not so



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Search for Saddam's missile capability

UN tight-lipped as arms hunt goes on

SECRECY shrouded the delicate mission of United Nations weapons inspectors in Iraq for a second day yesterday as they continued their hunt for missing details of President Saddam Hussein's arms programmes.

The latest team has been determinedly right-lipped over which sites it is visiting, apparently in an effort to reduce the chance of the media magnifying possible incidents, because the threat of a military show-down between Iraq and the West has loomed over their work. Baghdad last week in-sisted that government build-ings would be officient at ings would be off-limits to the inspectors who insist that UN ceasefire resolutions permit them to search anywhere.

The latest team is trying to determine the extent of Iraq's remaining ballistic missile capability, but also includes nuclear, chemical and biological weapons experts. The task now facing the weapons inspectors is greater than ever, according to David Kay, who heads the London-based Uranium Institute that promotes the peaceful use of nuclear energy. Dr Kay led three inspections of nuclear sites in Iraq one of which developed into a tense stand-off in a become a missile factory or a

Baghdad car park last Sep-

The most obvious sites that were aiready known to the West or easily located by acrial surveillance and satellites have long been located and destroyed. Dr Kay said in a telephone interview. But documentary evidence is much harder to find. Most has probably been copied on to microfilm or hidden in the homes of officials where attempts to gain access could rapidly escalate into a diplo-matic incident. "Last September we had hard information, including addresses, that there

were documents we wanted in

the houses of two members of the Iraqi Atomic Energy

Agency. But we didn't want to

start raiding people's houses."
Dr Kay said. Another problem facing all weapons teams is "sorning the wheat from the chaff as a huge amount of information floods in from a variety of sources, some of it carefully planted by Iraqi intelligence. Opposition groups provide valuable tip-offs, but many of these are based on second or third-hand sources or are

"A suspicious building can

simple ditch becomes a supergun by the time the information reaches the UN experts," Dr Kay said. Wrong information wasted time but disinformation

Dr Kay recalled an incident last year when his team was passed "hot information" by people purporting to be dissi-dents that suspicious nuclear-related material had been buried in a Baghdad grave-yard. The informant reported that graves were being dug up at night and material spirited away. "Luckily, we found out in time this was information. coming from Iraqi intelli-gence," Dr Kay said. The aim was to project the UN inspectors as godless provocateurs willing to stop at nothing in their quest to undermine Iraq's sovereignty and selfrespect.
The most valuable sources

of information are what Dr Kay calls "some very brave Iraqis who risk their lives to key out information".



The conqueror: Cecil Rhodes, whose occupation of Matabeleland led to the death of Major Wilson

Zimbabwe to honour black heroes at a colonial shrine

FROM MICHAEL HARTNACK IN LUPANE, ZIMBABWE

icland heir-apparent to Mr

Nkomo, 75, says today's cere-

monies at the Allan Wilson

memorial will honour all Afri-

cans who fell fighting Europe-

an colonialism. Under Presi-

dent Mugabe's Zanu (PF)

government, the emphasis at

annual Heroes' day celebra-tions since 1980 has been on

the contribution of the largely

Shona-speaking peoples of eastern Zimbabwe and of Mr

Mugabe's Zania guerrilias'

part in the war to oust lan

With two million unem-

ployed, inflation officially

estimated to top 45 per cent.

and the land ravaged by the

worst drought in a hundred years, the Zimbabwean estab-

lishment is eager to recapture

Smith, the former leader.

DUMISO Dabengwa, Zimbabwe's home affairs minister, and several hundred fellow veterans of Vice-President Joshua Nkomo's Zipra forces are to meet here today for a celebration of Zimbabwe's Heroes' day.

A bullet-pocked cairn, used for target practice by Zipra guerrillas during the 1972-80 Rhodesian bush war, marks the spot where Major Allan Wilson and 33 white troopers made their last stand against the impis of King Lobengula of the Ndebele after Cecil Rhodes's occupation of Matabeleland in December 1893. Some 300 Ndebele warriors are thought to have died in the battle, 100 miles north of the royal kraal at Bulawayo.

Wilson, regarded as a national hero during pre-1980 white rule in Rhodesia, was cut off from retreat or reinforcements when the Shangani river came down in flood during his rash attempt to capture the fugitive king. White settlers put up a memorial further upstream in tribute to the courage of their Ndebele opponents.

Mr Dabengwa, Zipra's intelligence supremo in the Rhodesian war and Matabe-

past heroes. A note of farce crept into last year's solemnities at the national shrine outside Harare when a drunk, bemoaning his poverty, began heckling Mr Mugabe. "Those heroes you are talking about died for nothing. Smith was better than you are." he shouted.

While the people of Mata beleland publicly honour their warrior ancestors today. their private thoughts are likely to dwell on the more recent tragedy of 1982-87. when Amnesty International estimated that several thousand suspected government opponents perished at the hands of Mr Mugabe's North Korean-trained Fifth Brigade. Mr Dabengwa was himself detained for four years on suspicion of plotting a coup.

Churchmen say they hope Matabeleland's political wounds will be healed rather than reopened, but historians see scant prospect of a repeat of the chivalrous legend which now enfolds Wilson's battle with the Ndebele. "Induna" (General) Mbejane reportedly said over the corpses of Wil-son's column: "They were men of men, and their fathers

South Africa fights 'water apartheid'

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

HUNDREDS of thousands of tic sprinklers in the Johannesrural South Africans will be forced to leave their homes and trek in search of food and water unless it rains within three months. But not in

Johannesburg. In the leasy northern suburbs of South Africa's biggest city, water hisses from sprinklers on to gardens where daisies, roses, primulas, even camelias and, just now, dalfo-dils flourish. Birds from the parched veld pack urban gardens where trees shelter them and pools and ponds supply

Lebowa black homelands in the Transvaal's far north, pathetic queues of people form every four or five days when a government or military water tanker arrives. Five gallons a family is the allowance, which often works out at about a pint

a day for each person. All across the north and in the bleak Karoo the situation. grows desperate as boreholes dry up and springs cease to produce water. There is a frantic hunt for new supplies. and water engineers from Britain and Germany are being flown in to help.

Unless they succeed, or unless it rains, refugees from the drought may number 2.5 million to three million, according to Len Abrams, direc-tor of a newly established consultative forum on drought relief. The refugees will join the birds in flocking to the urban centres, where there is already a profound fear of black migrants squatting in

the genteel suburbs. The contrast between town and country, the abundant flow of water through domesburg region and, more importantly, the assured supply of water to an increasingly thirsty industry, is a measure of the success of water engineering in the past. It is also a product of the emphasis given to supplying industry rather

than agriculture. South Africa's main water supply is the Orange river. which rises in the mountains of Lesotho and flows into the Atlantic along the Namibian border. Now plans are in hand for a huge scheme to store the water before it leaves of the Lesotho scheme will cost 5.8 billion rands (£1.13 billion) and will come into opera-

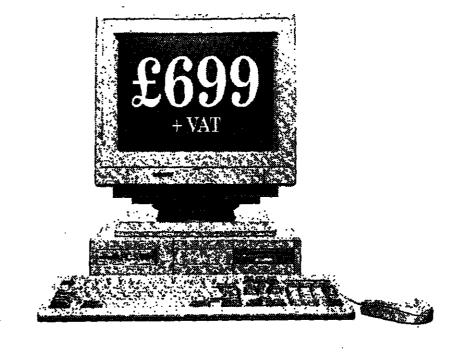
tion in 1995. At present nearly 110 mil-lion cubic feet of water are captured and used in South Africa each year. The total run off of water is 175 million cubic feet, which means that

more than half is already used. "Demand is growing at an acting chief engineer of the water department, said. "The increase in living standards, the increase in population, cause a sharply rising curve. We expect all our fresh-water reserves to be depleted by the year 2010."



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PEORIE Mrs Verwoerd moves

into all-white refuge

Beisie Verwoerd, 91, the widow of Hendrik Verwoerd, the architect of apartheid, has taken up residence in the remote, whites only village of Orania in the Northern Cape. The village was bought from the government by the Afrikaner Volkstaat movement last year and the 500 Coloureds who once lived and worked in what was a construction camp were moved out. Now all the manual

labour - clearing away the rubbish, sweeping the streets and other menial tasks - is done by whites. Most of the 350 residents turned out to welcome "the mother of the volk". Women wore traditional Voortrekker costumes and Mrs Verwoerd matched them in a long grey dress and bonnet she wore for the 150th anniversary of the

Great Trek in 1988.

An Elvis Presley fan. Gayle Bellomy, 49, of Dayton, Ohio, left the dentist's office with her hero on her crown. Ms Bellomy said she went in to have a permanent crown surprised at Australian placed on a tooth, and Dr

Daniel Collins handed her a mirror when he had finished. "I could see these bold letters printed on the cap, and by golly, it spelled out Elvis," she

President Fidel Ramos of the Philippines has duriped Peter Garrucho, his chief aide in a surprise reshuffle that marked the first rupture in his sixweek-old administration. He named Congressman Edelmiro Amante to replace Mr Garrucho, who had publicly embarrassed him by issuing a presidential order without authority.

Jim Bolger, the prime minister of New Zealand, has refused to apologise for calling Joan Kirner, Australia's Victoria state premier, "the fat lady" at the weekend. He said she was fat and agreed that he too was overweight, adding he did not want to make an international incident of it. He said the remark was "a good throwaway line" and he was



SABIEL

UN team

considers

division of

Somalia

Nairobe A United Nations

going to millions of starving Somalis is examining propos-

als to carve their war-torn

nation into four separate zones

UN sources said the mission

discussed the plan at the weekend during meetings with southern warlords in Kis-

mayu, the country's second port. The 23-strong mission also examined the possible deployment of military observers in the southwest region on

Somalia's border with Kenya.

one of the most dangerous in

the country.
The famine in some of the

more remote inland areas is

worse than anywhere else."

said a Somali representative of the Somali Peace and Reset-

tlement Organisation, one of

the few broad-based bodies

left in a nation now riven by

inter-clan hatreds. Hundreds

of people die daily in what has been labelled the worst hu-

manitarien crisis in the world.

Somalia plunged into anarchy

after Mohamed Siad Barre,

the former dictator, was over-

thrown in January 1991 by abels who then fell out among

Investors upset

Shenzher: Thousands of an-

gry investors took to the streets of this southern Chinese city,

setting fire to one police car

and overturning another to protest over alleged corruption in the sale of share application

forms, witnesses said. (Reuter,

Ameritser: Sikh militants killed 31 relatives of policemen in

four villages in the Indian state of Punjab in revenge for the shooting by police on Sun-

day of terrorist Sukhdev

Singh, chief of the Babbar Khalsa International militant

Facts reviewed

Cincinnati: Three judges of the appeal court here are to consider whether newly un-covered evidence helpful to John Demjanjuk, the convict-

ed Nazi war criminal, should

have stopped them from per-mitting his extradition to Isra-

Embassies cut

Sydney: Australia is closing its

Lisbon. Bern and Prague em-

bassies and downgrading four

of its six American consulates

to pay for its push into Asia.
The Sydney Morning Herald

reported. The Geneva embas-

sy will not be affected. (Reuter)

Hong Kong. China has re-leased Li Side, an elderly

Catholic bishop, amid signs of

Bishop freed

el in 1986. (Reuter)

group. (Reuter)

Sikh revenge

(Jonathan Clayton writes).

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

REPUBLICANS began work in Houston yesterday on a draft manifesto for next week's convention that makes virtues of necessities and contains the seeds for further internal

The manifesto reaffirms the Republican commitment to a constitutional amendment banning abortion, a position opposed by an increasingly vocal section of the party. It glosses over President Bush's reversal of his "no new taxes" pledge, saying this year's choice is between a candidate who vetoes tax increases and one who proposes them". It puts the best light on the dismal economy by saying it is poised for stronger growth".

Convention organisers are striving to prevent the event becoming what The New York Times called "a televised examination of President Bush's campaign problems", with leading Republicans reported-ly being told not to detract from upbeat moments by giving television interviews, vicepresident Dan Quayle being kept largely out of sight and dissenters' placards barred from the Astrodome.

But after three presidential elections in which the Republi-

PLANS by President Chamor-

ro of Nicaragua to dismiss

senior officers from the Sandi-

nista-controlled national

police have led to a new

confrontation between the

two-year-old government and

the country's former revolu-

The police reform plan has

been forced on a reluctant Mrs Chamorro by the Bush ad-ministration, which has frozen

\$104 million (£55 million) in

vital aid in anger over the

Nicaraguan government's ties

to the Sandinistas, who ruled

the country for 11 years and

continue to hold key levers of

The aid was frozen in June

after intense lobbying by con-

Senate foreign relations com-

mittee. A committee report

claimed that Sandinista mili-

tary officers had abused a tacit

power-sharing agreement

with Mrs Chamorro to send

weapons to left-wing guerrilla

When Mrs Chamorro visit-

ed Washington earlier this

month she was told by Ameri-

can officials that, as a condition for restoring the aid, she

must begin to wrest control of

the army and police from the Sandinistas. But that may be

easier said than done and

threatens to upset a delicate

political balance in a nation

still trying to come to terms

with a legacy of decades of dictatorship, international iso-

Mrs Chamorro is not only

confronted with the problem

of maintaining an uneasy

alliance with the Sandinistas:

she is increasingly being chal-

lenged by leading members of

the United National Opposi-

tion coalition which brought

her to power. Virgilio Godoy, the vice-president, Alfredo Cesar, president of the nat-

ional assembly, and Arnoldo

Aleman, the mayor of Mana-

gua, have all demanded that she end what they call "co-

A merican health food shops were once places

where earnest young men

with beards and women with

tie-dyed ponchos could

browse peacefully among the alfalfa sprouts and chat over herbal tea. No more. Health

food suppliers and practitio-

ners of alternative medicine

have recently found them-

selves at the forefront of a

government effort to clamp

down on unlicensed or un-

One day last May the

treatment specialists at the

Tahoma Clinic in Washing-

ton state, a small private

hospital specialising in ho-

meopathic medicine, were

quietly going about their

business (namely injecting

sick people with vitamins.

minerals and amino acids)

when armed agents from the

US Food and Drug Adminis-

tration clad in bullet-proof

vests burst in and demanded

proven medical products.

lation and civil war.

groups in Central America.

tionary regime.

Sandinistas reject

reform of police

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

SALVADOR

government" with the Sandinistas. They claim that the

police have failed to keep

order and have refused on

several occasions to evict San-

dinista squatters from disput-

the country is property. Power-

ful right-wing critics of Mrs

Chamorro, some closely asso-

ciated with the Somoza family

which ruled Nicaragua by

dictatorship for much of this

century, are demanding a

property law to restore houses

and farms which were confis-

cated by the state after the

Sandinista revolution of 1979.

Chamorro government are implicated in a corruption

scandal over accusations that

\$1 million in aid donations for

the poor were skimmed off to

buy votes in the national

assembly to defeat a conserva-

tive property bill earlier this

our unions reacted strongly to

the purge at the weekend.

accusing Mrs Chamorro of a

"servile attitude to the grin-

gos." Daniel Ortega, the for-

mer Sandinista president, accused the United States of

"sowing the seeds of instability

But the Sandinistas may

prefer to hold their fire in

recognition that President

Chamorro has for two years

tried to head off right-wing

political and property

most of the clients were

already suffering from a number of disabling ail-

ments, that demand was not

The agents confiscated

vitamin-mineral concoc-

quantities of what they called

tions" which they said were

being injected without gov-

ernment approval. No

charges have been brought,

but the raid followed others

on various health food shops

in Texas resulting in the

confiscation of Vitamin C.

aloe vera, herbal tea and

other, more exotic remedies.

attempt by the FDA to con-

trol the manufacture and sale

of homeopathic products of

unproven efficacy, but they

have prompted a violent reac-

tion from a wide array of

herbalists, acupuncturists, al-

ternative medics and, inevita-bly, Hollywood movie stars.

The raids are part of an

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and brewing violence in this

country".

Sandinista leaders and lab-

Key figures in the

The most divisive issue in

ed lands and houses.

cratic opponents look like amateurs, traditional roles have been reversed in 1992. It is the Democrats who are running the tough, sharp, mean campaign, the Republicans who are messing up and on the defensive and whingeing about opposition tactics.

They're like the schoolyard bully," retorted James Car-ville, Mr Clinton's top strate-"Now that we're hitting back, they're acting like it's not

Mr Carville, known as the 'Ragin' Cajun" from Louisiana, perhaps comes closest to inheriting the mantle of Lee Atwater, the streetwise, powerhungry Republican guerrilla

less destruction of Michael Dukakis in 1988. Mr Atwater subsequently died of a brain turnour and the Bush campaign is now headed by "country club Republicans" such as Robert Mosbacher, the chairman, Robert Teeter, the polister, and Fred Malek, the manager The Republicans' only top

campaign aide with the common touch and an eye for the jugular is Mary Matalin, the political director who also appens to be Mr Carville's girlfriend. But when Ms Matalin raised Mr Clinton's problems with "bimbos" last week she was, to her disgust, rebuked by Mr Bush. From his "war room" in

Little Rock, Arkansas, Mr Carville directs a formidable operation whose primary pur-pose is to prevent the Bush campaign from re-defining Mr Clinton in the way it did Mr Dukakis. So far it is working. Between the 1988 Democratic and Republican conventions Mr Bush cut Michael Dukakis's 17-point lead in half, but this year Mr Clinton remains more than 20 points ahead and a new poll yesterday showed him leading by 14 points even in Texas, the president's electorally vital adopted state.

The groundwork was laid

months ago. The painful les-sons of the Dukakis campaign, whose modus operandi was to turn the other cheek, were minutely analysed. Responses were prepared for every conceivable Republican line of attack. Throughout each night aides now digest the evening news and wire reports to predict and outflank the Republicans' tactics. They trawl space with a satellite dish to monitor network feeds to affiliated stations. They have 'watchers" throughout the country to monitor local news reports and opposition ap-pearances. They positively race to respond to every attack, knowing attacks can only be effectively rebutted within the same news cycle.

When Mr Quayle charged last week that Mr Clinton's politics would put two million out of work, the Clinton camp quickly responded that America had lost 82,000 private sector jobs during Mr Bush's presidency but Arkansas, under Mr Clinton's leadership, had created 85,000.

When the White House wheeled out Carroll Campbell, South Carolina's governor, to denounce Mr Clinton as the archetypal "tax-and-spend-Liberal". Clinton aides swiftly published a 1989 letter in which the South Carolina governor had praised Mr Clinton as a "good friend" who "is not one of those liberals. He is not a radical". But it is direct Republican

attacks on Mr Clinton's past and character that the Democrats fear most, and they are seeking to pre-empt those by invoking the slashing negativ-ism of the Republicans' 1988 campaign at every turn. Lest that fails, they have dropped heavy hints that they will dredge up Mr Bush's own alleged extramarital affairs. The steely Clinton cam-

paign, tempered by fire during the primary season, even elicits a grudging admiration from senior Republicans. They are "terrific tacticians". admits Newt Gingrich, the Republican House whip and himself a mean campaigner. "I think they'll dance as close to the presidency as anyone could with that product."

NEW YORK NOTEBOOK by Ben Macintyre

Salad brigade marches to defend health food fad

Next Saturday a group of celebrities and health food

activists will assemble in

Beverly Hills, in the words of

the actress Sissy Spacek, "to

start screaming at Congress and the White House not to

let the FDA take our vitamins

away". The whey-faced Ms

Spacek may not look as if she

gets through a lot of vita-mins, but apparently she

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station. They had taken off on July 27. Two other Russian cosmonauts, Anatoli Solovyov and Sergei Avdeyev. are to remain on board the Mir space station until late January to conclude a series of medical experiments and pack the equipment to be taken back to Earth. Cosmonauts Viktorenko and

17. M Tognini's "Antares mission" was intended to revive the former Soviet space programme and boost France's cosmic image. It was the third joint Russian-French flight since 1982, and the first in a long-term co-operation agreement that envisions three more joint projects between now and 1996. (AP)



FOUR young Indian slaves are home with their parents today after more than two years in captivity. They were liberated from a dingy but in the heart of the northern Indian "carpet belt" where they worked and slept at a handloom under a master called Jagdish, who beat and

half-starved them. Bonded labour is common in India, particularly in the carpet industry. Human rights groups estimate that there are 200,000 bonded child weavers in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh, where carpet manufacture is centred. The four tribal children were freed by the Bonded Labour Liberation Front, a leading human rights group, which escorted them home to their tribe in the neighbouring state

Jagdish spent a night in prison and was then released on bail. He has been charged under the Bonded Labour Abolition Act, a potentially powerful law that is rarely implemented. Sugan Ram, 10, one of the slave boys, said Jaedish fed them twice a day with a handful of rice and frequently beat them for not working hard enough. They

never received wages.

The boys spent their first day of freedom at an ashram in the village of Ibrahimpur

and popular — and lucrative. The FDA recently proposed

that vitamins and minerals

should be labelled as drugs

over a certain dosage, that

the sale of some herbs be

restricted and only substanti-

ated medical claims be per-mitted on "alternative

medicines". If accepted, the

plan would enable the FDA

to impose fines of up to

\$250,000 (£130,000) on indi-

viduals, and up to \$1 million

on companies breaking the

The battle lines have now

been drawn between the

FDA and the alternative

health supporters. Thou-

sands of activists, bursting

with good health, attended

rallies recently in Los Ange-

les, Washington and New

York and marched under

banners proclaiming "Act now, or kiss your vitamins

goodbye!"

from South Asia,

The children were sold into bondage by their impoverished parents for 500 nupees (£10) each. The middleman who conducted the transaction promised that the boys would be well paid and properly fed. They were taken nearly 150 miles to the village of Lohara, where Jagdish makes high quality handmade carpets under contract to an export

company. Repeated attempts by parents to bring their sons home failed. Vasubev Oraon, a Bihar farmworker who is paid in vegetables, raised 40 rupees for the bus and train journey from his slum but in southern Bihar to try to free Daharu, his 14-year-old son. But he was thrown out by Jagdish's musclemen. It took him three

home. Going to the police is a waste of time for somebody as low in the social hierarchy as a

Most bonded child workers are Dalits or tribals. Large numbers of Muslim children are also bonded. Police, who are in league with loom masters, are loath to enforce the law. High-caste politicians have no interest in reforming

"If 20 people like Jagdish were prosecuted and sent to jail, bonded child labour would be wiped out overnight," Rama Shankar Chaurasai, a social activist in the Uttar Pradesh carpet belt, claimed.

Fifty welfare groups in Ne-pal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Pakistan and India have formed an organisation called the South Asian Coalition for Child Servitude, with the aim of fighting child bonded labour in the carpet industry. It is the first grassroots regional attempt to eradicate the use of

child slaves. Mr Satyarthi, the group's chairman, said in Deihi that carnet companies in India were being given a deadline of September 18 to pledge not to use bonded child labour. If they failed to comply, importers in the West would be urged to boycott handmade carpets

a thaw in its attitude to priests who refuse to disown the Vatican Bishop Li's release followed that of three other elderly Catholics in May. (Reuter)

Mourners riot

Colombo: A crowd of more than 100,000 mourners broke down cemetery walls and shouted anti-government slogans at the funeral of Lieurenant-General Denzil Kobbekadnwa, who was killed in a Tamil land-mine attack last Saturday.

Killer hanged

Damascus: A man found guilty of murder and armed robbery was hanged in public in the southeast Syrian town of as-Suwayda, Tishrin, the official newspaper, reported. Wa-jih Fares Azzi, 37, was the fifth person to be hanged in Syria this year. (AFP)

Bow bowed out

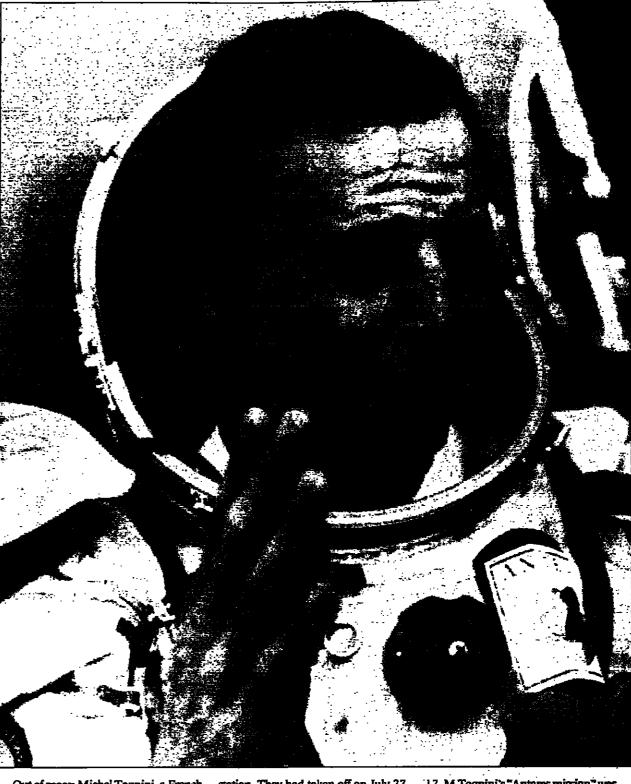
Islamabad: The Pakistani parliament is abolishing the Western practice of bowing. which it has used for 45 years. Instead the Speaker will pronounce the Islamic greeting "Assalaam-o-Alaikum" (peace be on you) at the start and end of proceedings. (AFP)

133 released

Kampala: Uganda has freed the last 133 of about 4,500 political detainees jailed without charge or trial over the past six years, according to Walter Stocker, the representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Uganda (AP)

Sin unmasked

Abu Dhabi: A Pakistani who wore women's clothing to enable him to meet his lover has been sentenced to four months and 60 lashes for adultery. He was caught when he removed his veil and his married lover's children spotted his mous-



Out of space: Michel Tognini, a French cosmonaut, talking to journalists yesterday after his Russian space craft, Soyuz-TM 14, touched down in Zhezkazgan, Kazakhstan. He returned to Earth with two Russian cosmonauts, Aleksandr Viktorenko and Aleksandr Kalery, after completing a series of scientific experi-

Kalery had been in space since March **Emperor's**

China trip approved

FROM REUTER

THE Japanese government has decided to override opposition from right-wing politicians and go ahead with a controversial state visit to China by Emperor Akihito this year, sources in the ruling Liberal Democratic Party said.

Emperor Akihito's visit, the first by a Japanese monarch, will mark 20 years of diplomatic relations between Peking and Tokyo. Kiichi Miyazawa, the prime minister, formally asked by the LDP to make the final decision on the imperial visit, was to notify the party's executive board of his approval at a meeting last night. He had delayed the decision because of opposition from within the LDP.

An official announcement of the visit will come later this month, the Japanese news agency, Kyodo, said. The trip will be for about six days and start on October 22, the news agency added.

A key moment of the emper-

or's stay in Peking will be his formal words of apology for Japan's invasion of China between 1931 and 1945. when the imperial army over-ran much of its heartland, killing 20 million people.

finds her work very hard

The FDA, acting under a

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of Bihar.

A new campaign will tell the West to boycott carpets

Christopher Thomas writes

run for Dalits (untouchables) and tribals by Kailash Satyarthi, a Brahmin human rights worker. They received new clothes, a square meal and a bath.

days to walk and hitch-hike

Hekmatyar guerrillas blast Kabul streets

FROM SUZY PRICE IN KABUL

las launched their heaviest rocket bombardment on Kabul yesterday, possibly causing more than 1,000 casualties, according to a defence ministry spokesman.

But he could not say how many among the casualties were killed by the hundreds of rockets he said were fired at the capital by a hardline Mujahidin group, which is a partner in the three-monthold Islamic government. Diplomats said it was the heaviest pounding of Kabul since the Afghan civil war began 14 years ago. The guerrillas took Kabul in April.

The government said it had repulsed the dawn offensive by the Hezb-i-Islami group of hardline guerrilla leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar. The army has advanced to most of the places from which firing brought great bloodshed to the people of Kabul," Haji

DISSIDENT Afghan guerril- Delili, the defence ministry spokesman, said. Late yesterday there were still sporadic sounds of shells

from South Asia.

Most people stayed indoors hoping the fighting had died down for the day at least. Many residential streets were hit and in some areas most houses were damaged or destroyed, witnesses said. Injured people filled one city hospital but there were no doctors. Officials at a hospital run by the International Committee of the Red Cross said they had received 70 casualties by midday yesterday. Many of the rockets also struck Red

and bursts of gunfire from

nervous troops on the streets.

Cross buildings. More than 650 rockets fell on Kabul in the first 90 minutes of the assault, which began at first light from positions held by the Hezbi-Islami to the south of the city, a military expert said. (Reuter)



Obscure Muslim enclave blocks Belgrade's ambitions

THERE is no electricity in Bihac, telephone calls are local only, Sarajevo television reception has been cut off and no supplies have come through for two months. Serbian shells crash down at random on the fown every

evening.
A familiar story in Bosnia-Herzegovina: but Bihac is different. It is the capital of the only overwhelmingly Muslim part of the country that has not been conquered by the Serbs or subordinated to the will of the Croats. This hitherto obscure part of Bos-nia is increasingly taking on a military and political signifi-cance that far outweighs its

United Nations officials have been saying for weeks that unless the international community takes drastic action over Bosnia, an all-out assault by Serbs on the Bihac area will begin. Once com-pleted Serb leaders, gorged on "ethnically cleansed" territory, will call an end to fighting and sign the de facto partition of the republic with

Tim Judah finds the people of Bihac, who are surrounded by hostile Serbs eager to complete the project of greater Serbia, ready to stand their ground

UN and other Western aid officials exaggerate the gravity of the military situation, but with good reason. A successful Serb assault would drive 300,000 people into exile in what would be the biggest single migration of refugees in Europe since 1945.

To the south the area

known as the "Bihac pocket" is bounded by the River Una across which Serb forces daily launch monar and rocket fire. The rest of the area is sur-rounded by hostile Serb-held areas of Croatia. These areas have been largely demilit-arised by the UN, a factor that has saved the enclave from attack from all sides.

However, as refugees flood out of the Serb-controlled areas of Bosnia, it appears that Serb leaders are divided over the fate of the area known as Cazin Krajina.

While it would certainly rank as Muslim territory in the illfated European Community's plan, in the grander scheme of things it would lie as a bitter pocket of resistance in the very heart of greater While Serb leaders resolute

ly deny that there is a plan for a Serbian state from the Romanian border to the Adriatic, a tell-tale financial detail would seem to confirm suspicions that exactly such an entity is already emerging. The federal and Serbian governments both claim that Yugoslavia now comprises just present day Serbia and Montenegro. Hence the Yugoslav dinar now longer circulates in either the selfproclaimed Serbian republic of Krajina (in Croatia.) or the the Serbian republic of Bos-



nia-Herzegovina. These "re-publics", therefore, have their own currencies. However, not only are they set at parity with the Yugoslav dinar but the banknotes of the two territories are identical except for the names of their respective republics and are interchangeable. Even as war rages the

consolidation has begun. A glance at the map therefore reveals that Bihac stands as an unwelcome enclave at the very heart of this emerging creation. While some Serb leaders are believed to want to push for a military solution and the expulsion of its Muslim population others are take control of the vital railway line that connects Belgrade with the northern Bosnian strunghold of Banja Luka and Knin, the capital of the Croatian Serb enclave. Unfortunately Bihac straddles this vital economic

In an effort to avoid the possible flight of 300,000 people, officials of the UN High Commission for Refugees have begun to press for active involvement in Cazin Krajina. They want an extension of the LIN's mandate in Croatia or a Kurdish-style safe haven. But this is not a proposition welcomed by local leaders. "It would mean the recognition of Serbian gains," says Muhammad Osmanagic, the head of local government in one of the area's four counties.

The fear in Bihae, which is low on ammunition but strong in terms of manpower is that any UN protection and a quick end to the war would mean that Bosnian Muslims would be left with only two small parts of the country.

These would be the "Bihac pocket" and a small triangle bounded by the cities of Sarajevo, Tuzia and Zenica. Such an end to the war would mean that even if

Bosnian sovereignty continued to exist on paper the de facto partition of the republic between Serbia and Croatia would be complete. "Serbs have their state in reserve and Croats have theirs. We have nothing else. It is incomprehensible that we should not be allowed ours." said Mr Osmanagic. "We

have decided to fight to the

end and if Croatiz joins the

Serbs in trying to partition the state we will fight them too."

The local economy has collapsed but Bihac had the good fortune to be the location not just of Yugoslav strategic food reserves but also the home turf of Agrokomerc. the food processing company. When the Yugoslav army left the area they dynamited Bihac airport. But, in the heat of the midday sun there is frantic activity in the village of

Coralici as a new airstrip is

rolled out. Ostensibly this is to

open a humanitarian lifeline for the area, but despite a deceptively relaxed atmosphere. Cazin Krajina is preparing for years of war.

Unconfirmed reports speak of UN soldiers already hearing night-time flights pass over their zones in neighbour-ing Croatía, presumably delivering arms to Coralici. If the Serbs fail to "ethnically deanse" Cazin Krajina then they, too, must prepare for years of war. In the only significant part of Bosnia in which the Bosnian banner flies alone, diehard leaders are already dreaming of the liberation of their country, starting with their one tank that they keep in the shade of a tree near the frontline,

Cool and confident, unlike the desperate leadership in Sarajevo, Cazin Krajina's leaders have already spurned a UN suggestion that women and children be evacuated. "It was a great mistake for people to flee their homes in north-ern Bosnia." says Mr Osmanagic, "We are not leaving ours and if our families killed then that's fate."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sardinia

army role

queried

Rome: A gun attack on five Alpine soldiers in Sardinia has raised questions about the

government's use of the army

to restore order in areas of Italy dominated by organised crime (Philip Willan writes).

One of the soldiers, Renzo

Bertino, 20, a conscript from

Montezemolo in northwestern

Italy, was seriously wounded

in the chest in what military

authorities said was a dispute

The soldiers were attacked

late on Saturday near the

central Sardinian town of Mamoiada by two masked

men armed with shotguns.

The soldiers are part of a

contingent of five thousand men sent to Sardinia at the

end of June after the kidnap of

eight-year-old Farouk Kassam, son of a Belgian Arab

hotel owner, who was released by his abductors a month ago.

arrives in Sicily to try and wrest control of the island

from the malia after the

spectacular assassination of

Italy's top two mafia investiga-

tors, Giovanni Falcone and

Reporter killed

Istanbul: The death of

Huseyin Deniz, a freelance

Kurdish reporter, brings to

eight the number of journal-

ists killed in southeastern Tur-

key this year. Two men, both expelled from an Islamic theo-

logical college, were linked

Pay-out sought

Seoul: Women from six Asian

nations, including Hong

Kong, have met here to urge

Tokyo to compensate survivors

of the estimated 200,000

women, mostly Koreans.

Paolo Borsellino.

with his killing.

The attack comes as the last of a 7.000-man military force

over a local girl.

Delors wants EC to check Serb power

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

JACQUES Delors, president of the European Commission, made one of the boldest speeches of his career yesterday, criticising European Community members for their inaction in Bosnia and calling for military intervention to counter Serbian

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In going well beyond his brief at an emergency meeting of the European parliament on the Yugoslav refugee problem, M Delors said that only the deployment of a large and well-armed international force would make Belgrade think again. "It seems that without the credible perspective — I underline credible — of a military intervention, nothing will be able to stop the subtle and murderous strategy of the Serbian leaders," he said. Otherwise I fear that nothing will stop the expansionist madness, the ethnic madness.

the murderous madness." M Delors, whose dream of a federal Europe has been undermined by the Danish referendum on Maastricht and a new wave of anti-EC sentiment in national capitals, used the occasion to call once more for a united Community for-cign policy. "It's true that the EC is not sufficiently integrated or strong enough to resist the world recession or to mediate in a tragic and bloody conflict just two hours' flight

from Brussels," he said. "We already know it, but we must keep saying it. Only through political union and its twin goals of monetary integration and a common foreign and security policy will we be able to face, with lucidity and courage, our global responsibilities."

He said that if the Community continued to stand by and do nothing about Yugoslavia, we will be the accomplices of an epidemic ravaging Europe, throwing populations against one another and justifying all forms of racism". While acknowledging that no force

could enter Yugoslavia without UN consent, M Delors suggested that the EC might use the International Peace Conference in London at the end of this month to push the Western European Union into action for the first time.

M Delors has outlined a sixpoint plan for concerted EC action in Yugoslavia:

To put all concentration camps, whether run by Serbs, Croats or Muslims, under international control.

☐ To guarantee the distribution of humanitarian aid in Sarajevo and Gorazde. ☐ To give aid to the Yugoslav republics accepting refugees.

□ To help European countries give temporary homes to refugees, and to fight any apartheid policies of Belgrade.

To enforce a total embargo

ainst Serbia. They mus understand the determination of democracies not to tolerate the triumph of this monstrous ideology." ☐ To intensify diplomatic

An official from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees said at the same meeting that "up to 50 per cent of Bosnia is a detention centre. The picture that remains in Yugoslavia is not only gloomy but desperate." MEPs at the meeting criti-

cised the British presidecy of

the EC for not doing enough to pull the EC together over the problems in Bosnia. • Berlin: Ibrahim Rugova. leader of the majority ethnic Albanians in Kosovo, called for a UN-sponsored military mission in the Serbian province to head off war with the minority Serbs. "They [the UN] should not once again wait until it's too late." Mr

Rugova told Berliner Zeitung (Reuter) UN vote, page 1 Conor Cruise O'Brien page 10 Leading article, and



Mopping up: a Serb soldier throwing a hand grenade through an open window during fighting yesterday in the town of Konjic in Bosnia

Senior officers reject force

FROM ROBERT SEELY IN ZAGREB

SENIOR military officers, in-cluding General Satish Nambiar, leader of the United Nations contingent here, yes-terday advised against the increased use of force in the Yugoslav civil war, claiming that more force could jeopardise current UN peacekeeping operations.

Sir Peter Inge, Britain's Chief of the General Staff, who flew to Saraievo to meet two British UN observers in the city, also questioned the wisdom of raising the military stakes in Bosnia. "It is a very difficult and tense situation. It is not susceptible to quick solutions," he said. Three of

the suburbs were reported shelled by Serbian forces dur-ing Sunday. Snipers were also active yesterday throughout the city

Hine, the Croat news agency, claimed that Gorazde, the beleaguered Bosnian town south of Sarajevo, was hit by 200 shells overnight. Serbian forces also reported heavily pounding the Muslim town of Jajce, killing at least three

Despite the continued killing, General Nambiar argued against any change of status for UN troops. He said only their self-restraint had staved off conflict with armed factions in Croatia "There had been a number of situations in which provocations were high. If self-restraint had not be exercised, we would have got into conflict," he said.

In the three UN protected areas the general argued, the mandate of his men was being carried out with moderate success. Areas which were battlefields may still be tense. but the overall situation in the areas showed a marked improvement. "In towns and villages which were subjected to shelling, people are now waiting to lead a normal life." the general added.

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comprehensive diplomatic

Need for ground troops revised

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

OFFICIAL contingency plans for protecting United Nations humanitarian land convoys to Bosnia-Herzegovina involve a minimum of 5,000 to 10,000 ground troops. The modest figures, which

contrast starkly with reported unofficial estimates of 100,000 troops, are seen to be practical and realistic to meet the limited political aim of the proposed operation which is to create a protected land route for the supply of aid to the victims of the civil war. With the UN Security Council now expected to pass a resolution tomorrow authorising "all measures necessary" to protect the convoys, immediate decisions will have to be taken on the route of the land convoys and on the countries sending

ground troops.

Since President Bush is opposed to having American forces on the ground and has.

instead, offered combat aircraft to provide air cover, the pressure will be on John Major to agree to send British troops. France, Holland and Belgium are also expected to contribute troops. Italy could send logistical support and Germany's contribution is likely to be the warships already in the Adriatic. Several land routes for the

convoys are being studied: one be limited to about 10,000.

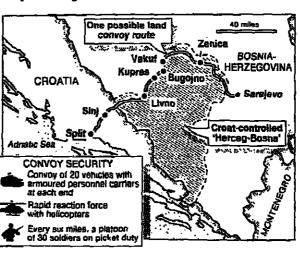
greb, both of which would entail long journeys. A third route from Dubrovnik up to Sarajevo is deemed risky because Serbian forces are still in the area around the walled port. The preferred route from Split would involve an uphill and winding journey of about 150 miles. The contingency plan worked out by the Western European Union, the nine-

of them to run from Split to

Sarajevo, another from Za-

nation defence organisation, involves the deployment of a battalion of about 800 infantry troops with each convoy. consisting of 20-25 vehicles, with additional forces held in reserve. Willem van Eek, '22. the secretary-general of the WEU, has proposed that safe havens for refugees from Bosnia should be set up in Croatia first, before the land convoys begin. "The aid could then be driven direct to the safe havens instead of going all the way to Sarajevo (and to other towns under siege)." he said

yesterday. The safe havens would need to be guarded by several thousand troops. Dr van Eekelen said he thought the maximum number of troops required for the land convoys and for the safe havens could



forced into sex slavery by Japan's Imperial Army in the second world war. (Reuter)

Fires rage Warsaw: Forest fires on the Polish-German border have engulfed 4,940 acres and are threatening the town of Olszyna, forcing the border to be closed. Firemen are trying to stop the flames reaching residential areas. (AFP)

Pickets win

Bangkok: Lauda Air of Austria is withdrawing its inflight magazine after pickets at its offices here claimed that a cartoon, depicting a young girl naked above the waist and with the caption "from Thailand with love", promoted sex with children. (Reuter)

Leader dies

Madrid: Manuel Ulloa, 69, a former Peruvian prime minister died in the Madrid clinic where he was being treated for cancer. He was prime minister in the government of President Belaunde Terry from 1980 to 1983. (Reuter)

Strike resumes

Marseilles: Dockers here have begun a further 48-hour strike to protest at a law that cuts jobs and virtually ends the unionrun casual labour system. Men at 27 ports have accepted the law. (Reuter)

Crop increases

Moscow: Russia's harvest is expected to exceed last year's by three million tonnes. But the total harvest will fall short of average crop yields during the past five years. (AP)

No single way to untangle the Yugoslav mess

WHEN the Austro-Hungarian monarchy started to annex Bosnia-Herzegovina 114 years ago it sent 100,000 soldiers to the region. That proved insufficient and even after the force was doubled war correspondents reported garrisons under siege and the roads impassable because of Balkan brigands.

The terms of battle have barely changed. True, the West has gained valuable experience in "surgical" air strikes but making war in Bosnia would be a long-term and massive undertaking. No wonder the Western response appears muddled.

Heart-aching pictures of orphaned children and mutilated bodies have mobilised public opinion which demands either quick results from European Community diplomacy or a show of military force. Yet this is a crisis that defies both diplomacy and military intervention for there is no single way to "solve" the disintegration of Yugoslavia. Rather, as in the crumbling Soviet Union. there is a multiple crisis that requires new, untested quali- gion is far from a safe place;

The disintegration of Yugoslavia is a multiple crisis that demands new, untested qualities from the West and the Islamic states, Roger Boyes writes

ties from Europe, the United States and the Islamic states. Serb snipers are claiming States and the Islamic states. There is a crisis of anthority in each individual republic, a series of economic crises, the biggest refugee crisis since the second world war, there are wars and wars in the making. No one action. no one intervention can now untangle the mess.

The flashpoints include: A full blown conventional war is under way in Bosnia. It is defined by the territorial ambitions of Serbia and Croatia and comes complete with camps and atrocities and the displacement of over two million people.

D In Croatia, there is a low intensity war. The fighting in Slavonia has eased partly because the Serbo-Croat war has shifted for the time being to Bosnia-Herzegovina. Nonetheless, the Osijek reseveral victims a week. The war can intensify at any time. □ In Kosovo there is a war waiting to happen. Ethnic Albanians make up 90 per cent of the province's two million population yet Albanians have been sacked from schools, hospitals and factories and the Serb leadership is squeezing the society harder and harder. For Serbs, Kosovo - the site of their historic defeat by the Turks in 1389 — is almost holy

ground. They will not give even a semblance of home rule to the Albanians. Neighbouring Albania is making martial noises.

In Serbia itself the political opposition is growing. especially in Belgrade. People are starting to talk openly about the post-Milosevic era and various cards - the king, Milan



post-Milosevic choices

civil war.

Panic, the emigre prime min-ister, Vuk Draskovic, the

Croats encouraged by the humiliation of President Milosevic would press for the recapture of the land lost in last year's war. A Serbian army forced to withdraw from Bosnia would certainly radicalise the political climate in the republic, and probably cause the Panic government to fall. Military intervention cannot therefore be taken in

front involving the Islamic states, the European Community and the United ☐ Macedonia has become States All sides have to be virtually ungovernable. Its very clear on the ultimate economy crippled, living in a goals in Yugoslavia.

nised by the EC until it changes its name to satisfy Greece - it is a diplomatic dilemma that could turn These flashpoints are all interconnected. The serial wars have to be stopped, switched off or prevented more or less simultaneously. To give extended air protection for the humanitarian relief of Sarajevo would change the military balance between Serbs and Croats.

opposition leader, the Orthodox church - are being reshuffled. The Serbs could displace their nationalistcommunist regime either by a power-sharing deal, or by

strange limbo - unrecog-

Winning votes in Sarajevo

Conor Cruise O'Brien on how Bush will exploit the tragedy in Bosnia

President Bush is dithering. Should he intervene militarily or not, and should the target of intervention be Iraq or Serbia? Last week he edged towards intervention against the Serbs, and was carrying Britain and France with him. But his options are still open. The kind of Security Council resolution he is now looking for provides a bless-ing in advance for anything tough he may decide to do, without obliging him to act.

The Security Council is a secular institution in appearance only: in reality it is a spiritual one. Its only function is to hand down blessings or curses on particular parties and courses of action. But its blessings and curses, like those of ancient Delphi and the medieval papacy. have power: they affect morale, for good or ill. In particular they affect American morale. Americans believe in the existence of something they call "world opinion", and they like to think that this is on

their side, which is why the blessing of the United Nations is so important to them. They had their blessing over Korea and over Desert Storm, both of which operations are regarded as successful. They did not have that blessing over Vietnam, the most cruel failure in American history. So Mr Bush is right to make sure of that blessing in advance for anything he may de-cide to do in

in securing a curse upon the Serbs into the bargain.

A blessing is one thing: a decision is another. Mr Bush's decision will be determined by whether he thinks any given course of action (or indeed inaction) will help or hinder his reelection in November. Some of his campaign advisers feel that intervention would hurt his campaign.
Their message is: "Quagmire.
Vietnam. Keep Out." And that is
also the message of his official
advisers in the State Department and the Pentagon.

But with his campaign in desperate trouble, the temptation to gamble is high. As November draws nearer and President Bush lags behind Governor Clinton, grow fainter and the dream of being rescued by a spectacular operation in Bosnia becomes more

A Newsday poll at the weekend showed 53 per cent of people in favour of air strikes to relieve the siege of Sarajevo, with only 33 per cent against. This poll, I believe, points the direction in which Mr Bush is likely to move. Note the concentration on Sarajevo. The American television audience, which has to be Mr Bush's prime concern from now until November, thinks of Sarajevo as the problem, because that is where all those horrifying images are coming from. The many other places that journalists cannot get into and of which consequently there are no such images — do not exist for the television audience, however awful the things that are happening there. These places do not exist, therefore, for Mr Bush either, in his capacity as presidential candidate. The function of the presidency for the moment is to get George Bush re-elected. And the message of that poll, to a president who is a presidential candidate, is: "Do something about Sarajevo!"

Fortunately for the president

(and, quite coincidentally, for the people of Sarajevo), it is for the moment at least easier to do something about Sarajevo - il temporarily — than to do some-thing about Bosnia. Air strikes would be popular, and they are also feasible without such high casualties as would lose President

Bush the election. So, unless the Serbs lift the siege of Sarajevo, such air strikes can be predicted once the Security Council's blessing has been obtained. Whether ground troops will be committed depends upon military

evaluation of the results of the air strikes. If it app-With the ears that the Serbian forces have president's been so weakened by the bombardcampaign ment that they cannot inflict serious in desperate casualties on the Americans, then US ground troops trouble, the will be sent in. The temptation result (always proto gamble on viding that serious casualties are avoided) would be intervention a television spectacular and a great boost for the Bush is high campaign. Ameri-

can troops relieve Bosnia. He will have no difficulty. Sarajevo. People of Sarajevo welcome Americans! Mr Bush could outdo M Mitterrand by flying to Sarajevo in his capacity as commander in chief to congratulate his victorious troops on their magnificent achievement. If that did not fix Bill Clinton, nothing would. There is, however, a problem about the timing. If the troops went in, say, in September, and stayed to protect Sarajevo, the initial euphoria would have worn off and the bad news would be

coming in by election day.

The results of the inevitable action by Serbian guerrillas would be being felt, and the bodybags would be coming home. People would be talking about a second Vietnam and Bush's Bosnian blunder. That would not do.

the operation gets to election day, the more obvious it will be that Mr Bush is using American troops to fight his personal election campaign. Yet if he is still trailing in October, I think he will gamble by sending in ground troops. If he does, he will pull them out again as soon as possible, declaring their mission accomplished by the escorting of that particular convoy. They will not stay to protect Sara-jevo, and the siege will resume.

Nobody is going to try to solve the ethnic conflict in Bosnia by the use of miltiary force, and if they did they would only make it worse for themselves and everybody else. But someone may well have a good try at pretending to have solved it with pictures of the people of Sarajevo welcoming their AmeriJanet Daley welcomes the plunge in British house prices and hopes they will continue to drop

rdinary suburban houses rdinary suburban nouses in my part of north London were selling for a quarter of a million pounds not long ago. Now they are officially priced at about two thirds of that amount. If the reality of the market meant anything, they would be worth next to nothing, because they are unsaleable. But property prices have been fantasy for so long that no one seriously suggests that most of the houses in the Southeast are worth nothing.

Anyone could have seen this crisis coming just by reading his local property ads: who on earth could afford these prices? Not the salaried middle classes who were once the mainstay of neighbour-hoods like mine. Most of the absurdly over-priced houses around London have been bought by businessmen for whom home and business were financially enmeshed. Naturally, when the recession came, suburban property prices collapsed with it. Instead of being the moderately priced back-waters of the professional classes whose incomes were safe if unspectacular, suburban houses had

become speculator's fodder. Suggestions for solving the crisis become ever more desperate. One building society last week pro-

Houses of cards

posed that owners forced to sell their houses for less than the inflated price to which they were (by some inalienable right) entitled should have their losses made good by the government. This week, the merchant bank Morgan Grenfell will issue a report suggesting that the mortgage tax relief limit should be doubled. Both of these propositions are based on the principle that what you should do when you find yourself in a hole is keep digging.

Of the two suggestions, the first is more naive and the second more defeatist. Both are (or should be) political non-starters. If the gov-ernment were to underwrite people's losses, they would be inviting buyers and sellers to collude in massive and unprovable fraud. A offers B a low price for his house on the understanding that B will be able to recoup any loss from a government hand-out. B feels no urgency to look for a better offer and A buys the house he wanted for the lowest feasible price. The taxpayer stumps up the difference between this agreed bargain and whatever stratospheric mortgage B originally took on.

The government would endlessly be subsidising the inflated prices of the late 1980s and would be locked into maintaining them. Not only is this economic idiocy. but it maintains the socially undesirable situation in which ordinary houses are priced beyond the financial reach of people on middle incomes.

Morgan Grenfell's programme of increasing the tax benefits to those with mortgages (so increasing the incentive to take on as much property debt as one can afford) is a real gospel of despair. Getting rid of tax subsidies to homeowners entirely may seem a remote hope now, but to go backwards by increasing the tax relief limit would be shorttermism of criminal proportions. We must stop bribing people to ownership is the last thing that many people need.

There are two factors which

way through this. One is that for

many people (perhaps everyone at certain stages of their lives), home ownership is an unnecessary li-ability. The other is that much of what is wrong with the British economy stems from its dependency on the property market, which ties up personal savings in mori-bund ways and militates against workforce mobility. We already have the most overregulated, over-rationed, apathy-

inducing housing climate in the Western world. Private rental accommodation of a moderately priced, readily accessible kind has been extinguished by socialist paternalism. Council housing has become a feudal monolith, trapping with its fatal promise of 'security" whole generations of no-hopers in the unemployment apitals of Britain.

Given this lack of choice, the only option is to buy one's own home, even if that kind of commitment to permanence and stability is quite inappropriate to one's

lifestyle. Many of the people who are indispensable to a dynamic capitalist economy - the young who are unencumbered by family who are unencimocited by histories, the entrepreneur taking risks on the future, the ambitious who want to be socially and geographically mobile - are not proper candidates for the leaden responsi-

bility of a mortgage.
This blindspot about housing was one of Thatcherism's most serious contradictions. Aithough os-tensibly committed to freedom. Thancherism failed to notice that pushing people into inappropriate property-ownership is the most effective way to limit their personal and economic liberty. The property lobby insists that owning a house is the best encouragement to spend money. People kitting out their suburban palaces with every known consumer durable are what keeps manufacturing industry solvent. (But surely people living in unfurnished flats would also need washing machines and televisions.) In practice though. inflated house prices have pauperised the spending classes and worsened the recession. They most now be allowed to fall freely until housing once again becomes a realistic proportion of people's domestic spending.

Will Los Angeles burn again?

Ben Macintyre warns of the risk to both justice and society in the retrial of four policemen

n entirely unscientific poil conducted yesterday in the Cosmos Diner on . 23rd Street revealed the following awareness of judicial issues among a cross-section of New Yorkers: approximately half could recite what was at issue in the trial of William Kennedy Smith; perhaps three quarters knew the broad details of Mike Tyson's trial. But every single individual thought they understood what had happened when the four white police officers who beat up the black motorist Rodney King were acquitted in April on most state charges: the white guys got away with it. That was in New York. In

California, where that verdict sparked America's worst urban riots this century, the issues of racial bias and unfair acquittal are even more deeply seared on the public consciousness. Those four Los Angeles police officers now face a second trial, on federal charges of violating Rodney King's civil rights when they cudgelled him to the ground with

The decision taken by the federal authorities to hold another trial has a dual purpose: to allow justice to be be seen to be done and to calm the racial tensions provoked by the case. But in many ways this second trial defies both justice and common sense, and it is likely to have the reverse effect.

The United States Constitution states: "... nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life and limb". Since the state and federal governments are each sovereign. they can bring separate charges without violating the Constitution. It is a tool that was used often and to good effect in the South of the 1960s, where the most flagrant, racially-motivated miscarriages of justice were often rectified through the federal courts.

In April, the four officers were acquitted on almost all counts of using "excessive force"; federal prosecutors now charge that the officers "did wilfully strike with batons, kick and stomp Rodney Glen King", thus violat ing his constitutional rights under "colour of law". This may not technically be "double jeo-pardy", but the distinction is lost on most Americans: the officers, it is rightly assumed, are being tried again for

beating up Rodney King. The federal prosecutors are confident that they will find an impartial jury from among the 16 mil-lion people who live within the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles Federal Court. But can there be anyone in California who is not aware that 60 people died and \$850 million-worth of damage King verdict? In a television age when the violence associated with such racially-charged cases is beamed live imo every home in the country, there is virtually no chance of finding a sufficiently ignorant jury.

While making its decision, the jury will be expected to suppress the knowledge that the lives of many innocent people may rest on the verdict. No threat of explosion

should affect their deliberations," opined The Washington Post, demanding of 12 Californians an objectivity that no news organisation nor any other observer has been able to achieve. America is in lynch-mob mood, and the pressure



Burning injustice: the riots which followed the Rodney King acquittals

to convict is overwhelming. In such circumstances, the impulse to avoid riots and deaths may well override the instinct for fair play. If the officers are found guilty, that suspicion will forever linger over the American justice system and

be on the public conscience. By deciding to hold another trial, the federal authorities hope to cool racial conflict, but it is a terrifying gamble. The burden of proof in the federal case is far heavier than in the first trial. Then, prosecutors

they must prove the deliberate intent to deprive Mr King of his_civil rights. Rodney King himself will probably be called as a tness, and is unlikely to make a good one. With ill-disguised bias, the American media have pointed out that 75 per cent of such federal proseconiens are successful. and most are already banking on a guilty

But what if the men are acquitted again? By holding another trial, the stakes have been raised immeasurably. As The Chicago Tribune points out: The state court verdict, still incomprehensible to most Americans . . caused damage would only be compounded by a second, dublous trial of the same

By almost any stan-dards, Rodney King ap-peared to suffer a grieyous moral wrong at the hands of the Los Angeles police, and a second when the four policemen were allowed to walk free But attempting to rectify that is fraught with

In the middle of the Los Angeles riots, Rodney King appealed for peace.
"We will have our day in court," he said. He was referring, it seems, to the damages which the City of Los Angeles will probably pay him as result of his ordeal, not to a virtual re-run of the trial that caused the riots in the

Acquittal of the police officers would unleash a racial fury that neither Rodney King nor anyone else could calm; if they are found guilty, revenge will have been taken, but justice will not have been seen to be done.



...and moreover Craig Brown

E ven as you read this, countless former ministers are putting the finishing touches to their diaries and memoirs of the Thatcher era. Of course, the first to fall from grace have a head start. the publishing timetable for discarded ministers operating strictly on the basis of first out. first out. Sir Norman Fowler and Lords Ridley, Young, Tebbit and Whitelaw have already pro-duced theirs, all with titles like "Don't Biame Me", or words to that effect. The next batch will be from Sir Alan Clark, Lords Parkinson, Lawson and Howe, and, of course, from Mrs Thatcher herself. Today, I am delighted to offer a preview of their different accounts of a Downing Street tea party, to-

wards the end of the 1980s. Cecil Parkinson: "Margaret took me to one side, holding my arm in a gentle caress. Her eyes met mine. 'Cecil,' they seemed to say, 'you are the only one I can trust. I want you - and you alone - to play mum." So I picked up that teapot with great resolve, and I poured as I had never poured before, basking in her approval. My colleagues there - Alan, Nigel and Geoffrey - looked on with a mixture of envy and admiration. How they would have liked to have been hand-picked by Margaret for such a task! Ever the dipfomat and "communicator", I gave each of them one of my straightforward, open smiles as I handed them their cups. so gaining their deep approval. We then had a round-table dis-

pouring the tea, probably to put him in his place. 'Sngar, Nigel?' she then asked me, adding, 'How many — one, two, three?' It was typical of our exchanges that she should have to consult me over even such simple numerical exercises. Her respect for my intellectual abilities amounted almost to awe. Two,' I said, decisively, and I think she recognised a dismissive edge in my voice, for she never had the nerve to ask me that question again, from then on leaving the entire sugar-placing operation up to me and me alone. Having established that the distribution of the sugar-lumps was now my province, I passed them to Alan Clark, who accepted them with the natural grace of a political junior. A group discussion fol-lowed, in which I maintained

intellectual dominance." Alan Clark: "After a ghastly little butler with over-greased hair and a twitchy smile had finished pouring our tea. Nigel L had the sheer effrontery to pass me a hideous little silver bowl full of sugar-lumps. Does he not realise that a gentleman never takes a sugar-hump in his tea? It is just permissible to take sugar, but never by lump, and needless to say Nigel passed the hideous silver bowl from left to right, which is also unutterably common. Meanwhile, I kept my for tea: probably not."

cussion, during which I took the bold, controversial step of expressing my agreement with everything Margaret had said the day before."

Nigel Lawson: "Thatcher gave poor old Parks on the job of pouring the ten probably to aut."

The thoughts to myself, smiling pleasantly, as discretion is my middle name, and quietly finalised by plans for privatisation of the House of Commons. Thank goodness that, unlike the others, I always had the benefit of Margaret's respect. I passed noor garet's respect. I passed poor Geoffrey H. the biscuits. He is what I would call a deeply biscuity sort of person. During tea, we discussed future policy. Margaret nodded dismissively while the butler put forward his views, looked sorry for Nigel, and smiled sympathetically while Geoffrey ummed and erred. Oddly enough, only my own views seemed to cut any

Geoffrey Howe: "Over the tea that day, I put forward my views to Margaret in the strongest possible terms. Looking at my diary, I find myself surprised at the harshness of some of the language I used, but I still believe it to have been quite necessary. Uncompromising radical phrases such as in the not too distant future', 'Let's take time to examine the whole range of options available to us' and 'Might I trouble you for a drop more tea?' keep cropping up. By the end of that teatime discussion. Margaret and the others were left in no doubt of the absolute force with which I

held my convictions, if any."

Margaret Thatcher: "That day, i spent the early afternoon in peace and quiet determining government policy for the next few months. I can't remember whether I had anyone around

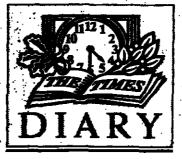
Opera tomorrow

ALTHOUGH the much-publicised and apparently critical independent report on the Royal Opera House by Baroness Warnock is still in draft form, leaks of its contents have set tongues wagging at Covent Garden, where there is increasing speculation about who might replace Jeremy Isaacs, the general director of the Royal Opera House, when his contract expires next year. It is widely rumoured that David Mellor is looking around for a replacement for Isaacs, who left Channel 4 to run the opera house four years ago.

John Drummond, the former controller of Radio 3 and head of music at the BBC, is leading the field. He is well qualified for the post, having run the Edinburgh Festival. He is currently running both the proms and the European Arts Festival. Although in the past he has pooh-poohed suggestions that he might succeed Isaacs, saying that he cannot reconcile £150 tickets with the sort of organisation he would like to run, Drummond is known for his business sense, and is seen as a man who could get his teeth into the £4 million projected accumulated deficit. "I get big audiences in for difficult programmes," he said recently. "I am not someone who

It may be, however, that Mellor would prefer his own man on the inside, in which case John Willan, who runs the London Philharmonic, would stand a good chance. Willan and his girl friend Judy Grahame are close friends of the minister, who has himself twice been vice-chairman of the LPO. Another strong contender is Nicholas Payne, who is leaving Opera North to take up the role of

turns art into a church."



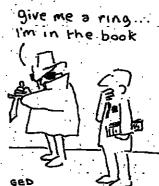
artistic director of the Royal Opera, and would thus be the obvious internal candidate. Baroness Detta O'Cathain, managing director of the Barbican, is the leading woman in the running. Peter Jonas, director of the English National Opera, who has already accepted the post of general director of the Munich opera house, is an outsider still championed by some wishful-thinking insiders.

Goodbye, sailor

AUTHORITIES in Russia are trying unsuccessfully to restrict the latest wave of emigrants. Relaxation of travel restrictions in the former Soviet Union is producing a crop of would-be international yachtsman. But rather than encourage their enterprise, the authorities are openly criticising them. The latest, Vasili Gusev, a professional sailor, has just set off from the Russian Pacific port of Nakhodka with his wife Nelli and their three children, aged between 6 and 17, to sail round the world.

They left with warnings ringing in their ears. The news agency
Tass says: "Several specialists say
that this family's call of the sea is
something that cannot be justified on commercial, sporting or common sense grounds." It cited the case of a Russian youth who set sail from the Far East in February in an attempt to reach America, and was never heard of again. The Gusevs should not expect a champagne reception if they return.

• Double agents, former KGB staff and would be Mata Haris wishing to visit Sir Colin McColl, now officially named as head of MI6, need look no further than the latest Old Salopian Club. the official list of old boys from Shrewsbury School. The entry for McColl, known as "C" in Whitehall, lists his address in full. This is clearly what John Major had in mind when he launched his own version of glasnost in Britain's not-so-secret service. McColl



shares old boy status with those champions of the expose, Private Eye's founders: Richard Ingrams. Paul Foot, Christopher Booker and Willie Rushton,

Good as gold

HOW MUCH is an Oscar worth? Hollywood stars who would tear their hearts out to get one will be interested to hear that the answer is \$60,500. That is what the Oscar statuette won by Harold Russell achieved at auction, despite earlier estimates as low as \$20,000. It is the first time an Oscar has been sold by its original recipient at

Russell won the award as best supporting actor for his portrayal of a handless sailor returning home from the second world war in the 1946 film The Best Years of Our Lives. Russell had lost both hands during the war, and won two of the golden statuettes in March 1947, the second for "bringing aid and comfort to disabled veterans through the medium of motion pictures". Now 78, he says he desperately needed the money to pay for cataract surgery for his wife.

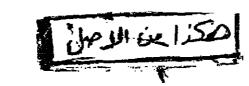
Karl Malden, president of the Academy, which presents the coveted awards, had asked him not to sell the Oscar, offering him a \$20,000 loan from the Academy he would return the award. Naturally Russell says was sad

at having to part with the award.
"I loved the Oscar, but I love " ny wife more, although I have had the Oscar longer".

Which exit?

CIRCULATION of the Consumers' Association magazine Which? Way to Health will soon be falling if subscribers follow some of the advice proffered in its latest issue. After many articles devoted to ensuring its readers stay healthy and alive, there is a full page feature on how to die. Legally.

The article deals with taking your own life and refusing to consent to medical treatment. Readers, who are advised in the rest of the magazine about the virtues of summer fruits and multivitamin tablets, are given the address of the Voluntary Euthenasia Society. Editor David Dickinson admits the subject is a potential minefield. We are devoted to telling people how to live a healthy life. We thought we ought to tell them how to have a good death."



ALL NECESSARY MEASURES

The world was sickened last week by the pictures of the camps, the suffering, the reports of massacres. It wanted no more civilians dying in the rubble of their mortared homes, no more children traumatised by the blood around them, no more farnished detainees maltreated in squalid camps. It had seen enough. It wanted action.

Western politicians, their backbone stiffened by the uproar, have responded with a sudden burst of speed. The UN Security Council has at last grasped the issue of using force. The UN human rights commission is to meet at the end of the week. Nato has made its plans for armed intervention. And Serbia has been put on warning that air strikes may soon follow.

The Bosnian government, all but destroyed, has bitterly attacked the West's hesitation and especially Britain's reluctance to commit troops. Western opinion wants the camps closed or liberated now. Relief agencies demand the immediate opening of a land corridor to bring in desperately needed food and medicine. And countries overwhelmed by the human tide of refugees want safe havens set up at once.

Britain, France and America have now agreed the text of a Security Council resolution to take "all necessary measures" to deliver relief to Sarajevo and elsewhere in Bosnia. The Americans have had their way in leaving it up to member states to take military action to protect their shipments; but the French have prevailed in insisting that the UN remain in Bosnia and that

action be taken under its aegis. China and several non-aligned members of the council are still nervous about the precedent of such an activist international role in what until recently were the internal affairs of a single state. But with Muslim nations increasingly angry at what they see as Western dithering while their co-religionists are massacred, a vote looks assured. So too does a separate vote to back up the likely demands of the UN human rights commission for access by the Red Cross to all

detention camps and their quick closure. The two votes will not end the war. But

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they send the right signals to those prosecuting it, especially the Serbs. By being authorised to take all necessary means the West has equipped itself if necessary to confront the local warlords in Bosnia. And once tanks, helicopter gunships and troops with heavy weapons begin escorting relief convoys, they will make little distinction between an enemy which hinders supplies and one which engages in aggression. The arguments advanced for not facing up to the Serbs, including probably spurious comparison with the guerrilla resistance to the occupying Nazi forces, are about to be tested. There is so far no evidence that the Serbs have the stomach to take on the combined forces of Nato or the Western European Union.

Equally there is clear evidence that the fury over the camps has forced the Serbs to improve their appalling treatment of detainees. Those looking for evidence of war crimes may be frustrated by the hasty attempts now to cover up the massacres and torture. But even their propaganda attempts to hide the grisly actions may prevent their repetition. The greater the access - by the Red Cross, by journalists or even by politicians such as Paddy Ashdown - the more likely the wretched prisoners will be afforded some measure of protection.

What the two resolutions do not do is address the causes of the civil war or stop the fighting. The Bosnian Muslims already resent the West's insistence on providing only humanitarian aid; they want guns to defend themselves. And in their frustration they may turn against even their humanitarian helpers. Already they are suspected of shelling the UN headquarters in Sarajevo. And as long as fighting continues the UN's efforts, to feed those made homeless by warfare and bandage those maimed by shelling, will be without end in sight.

The world will have crossed a psychological barrier when the UN approves the use of force. The West must now expect to pay a price. As Britain has repeatedly warned, there could be planes downed, lives lost, and money expended in the Balkan cauldron for years to come. But the world is no longer prepared to stand by and watch.

SCANDAL OF EMPTY HOUSES

Any steps being urged to revive the housing market must do something to attack the painful mismatch between the 146,000 families without homes and the 764,000 houses standing empty. Most of those houses are for sale, and few of the homeless can be assumed to be in a position to buy. But many of those without homes will have jobs, and if not jobs then social security benefit. They can afford to rent. The scandal of empty houses is the scandal of the brazen neglect of the rental sector since the war. Nothing drives this lesson home more than the way house owners can cheerfully contemplate leaving house empty rather than renting it out.

Rented housing is traditionally available for the poorer and most vulnerable in society. Its decline - over 90 per cent of families rented their homes before the first world war compared with 7 per cent now - threatens those whose existence is already the most precarious. But not only them. That poignant symbol of the 1990s recession, the "for sale" sign outside a repossessed house after mortgage default, is so damaging precisely because the rental sector cannot pick up the pieces of such personal catastrophes.

Those who can no longer afford to buy ought to be able to sell up in good time, and move back into rented housing. There should be a well trafficked open frontier between the two types of housing, with plenty of property being transferred from one use to the other, and families switching likewise as job mobility or misfortune dictates. But the 1988 Housing Act has provided nothing like enough incentive to persuade owners that lening housing for rent can be a useful way of making a fair profit.

The series of articles on empty housing, which ends today in The Times, points to the same conclusion. The reluctance to let has

deep origins. There is social prejudice against landlords generally. Among would-be landlords, there is a fear of laws biased so far towards tenants that regaining possession was almost impossible. Mortage interest tax relief for mortgage-holding owner-occupiers is a fiscal bias against rented housing, which enjoys no such privileges and which as a result is not profitable enough to attract investors.

There are numerous proposals for correcting these distortions by manipulating tax regulations short of overt subsidy of landlords. Housing benefit for the lower daid in the private rental sector does not go far enough. And in spite of the innovation of the six-month assured short-hold tenancy agreement in the 1988 Act, the balance between landlord and tenant over repossession for non-payment of rent is still not fair enough to encourage more landlords into this form of housing. Court delays add to the vexations of a landlord's life. It is no wonder they would rather leave a house empty.

Many families were disastrously persuaded to move into house ownership from the public housing rental sector in the middle and late 1980s when they could ill afford it. They are now mocked by the sight of good houses standing empty for months or years. for no other reason than that the owner sometimes a public body such as the Minister of Defence, sometimes a building society - is waiting for house prices to revive.

The housing market includes private and public-sector rented accommodation. If there is further public money available for housing, it is into the private rented sector that it should be spent. The test of policy towards the private rental sector must be how many of those 764,000 empty houses can be brought back into occupation.

FLEEING FROM DEBT

People are still concentrating on paying off their debts instead of doing their economic duty by going shopping, according to new credit figures published yesterday. The Central Statistical Office records that consumers repaid £135 million debts in June compared with £19 million in May. These figures used to show the amount of new credit advanced to consumers, but the converse, debt repayment, has become the star feature of the statistics over the past 18 months.

Spending is one of the key motors to push the economy out of recession. The latest figures show that the unobliging public is still digging into its debt mountain, and so prolonging the recession. Such public attitudes show a lack of confidence in the certainties of the current experts and the reassertion of an older folk wisdom.

Until the rise of late modern capitalism getting into debt was in most societies considered a sharneful failure. To be held in a debiors' prison was an ultimate disgrace. As the old Japanese proverb goes: better go without rice for a little than be in debt for long. The older middle-class generations in this country were brought up never to run into debt, if they could find anything else to run into, even when it came to buying a house or a motor car. And the lower classes, when pushed on Thursday night, went to the pawnbrokers; and they saved up to be able to

afford a private funeral. The never-never credit society of the last decade, with instant gratification of desire at the flash of a credit card and the psychometric measurements of credit rating, has run into one of its paradoxes. The only people who are now safe to lend money to are

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those who do not need it. Those who really need it are very bad risks. Banks will lend you an umbrella, but only when it is not raining. Samuel Johnson noticed a paradox of debt two and a half centuries ago: "Small debts are like small shot; they are rattling on every side, and can scarcely be escaped without a wound: great debts are like cannon; of loud noise but little danger."

The latest innovation, reported in The Times today, is to ask psychologists to assess the credit-worthiness of executives asking for millions to finance a management buy-out. They will investigate such intimate questions as emotional stability, ability to cope with stress and pressure, management style, adaptability, limitations and strengths.

To employ such means implies a lack of confidence in their own intuition as bankers. perhaps through coming to share the public's view of them. Before computer credit-rating, these judgments were made by the old-fashioned bank manager, member of Rotary and pillar of society, listerting to town gossip in the discreetest possible way. But it was his 1980s successors who pushed credit on the nation and the world, with the result that their own credit, in the confidence game, is now heavily overdrawn.

The banks lent generously to Eastern Europe and then even more so to Latin America. They are still writing off their huge Third World bad debts. In the property boom of the 1980s they lent to property companies in Britain as if there were no tomorrow. And tomorrow came. Modern bankers will need all the aid psychology can offer, if they are to regain the public's confidence. And until that happens, the flight from debt will continue.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Actions, not words, needed to stop Balkan conflict From Sir Reginald Hibbert clear that the build-up would concence to UN and EC demands, while

tinue inexorably until the Serbs

retreated from their efforts to distate

solutions to their neighbours by

force. They could also be warned that

Albania would be supported in the

same way if the Serbs precipitated

A three-prong policy - arms for

the oppressed, humanitarian aid for the victims and diplomacy aimed at

a peace conference - might have a

chance of success. A two-prong

policy leaving out the first ingredient

greater violence in Kosovo.

is less promising.

Frondeg, Pennal,

August 10.

Machynlleth, Powys.

Yours faithfully, REGINALD HIBBERT,

From Sir Richard Storey

Sir. Although they have centuries of experience of lighting wars against one another, the Western powers are having to learn again the hard way in Yugoslavia that wars can be ended only when one side or the other gets the upper hand and bends or breaks

the will of its opponent.
After several false starts, there is now unanimity about whose will needs to be bent or broken in Yugoslavia, but uncertainty about how to achieve it. It may be that sanctions and ostracism will eventually sober the Serbs, but the cost to Serbia's neighbours of waiting for that to happen may be disastrously

The case against intervening with Western ground forces is very strong. But it is difficult to understand why the government is so set against supplying weapons to Bosnia so that it can subdue the insurgent Serbs within its frontiers.

It ought to be possible for the staffs of Nato and/or the Western European Union to work out a supply package which would give Bosnia a chance of inflicting a signal defeat or two on the Serb forces. The weaponry might be bought or hired from surplus stocks in eastern Europe. It would be a novel task for the staffs and might become a novel form of lend/lease.

It might be argued that it is impossible to supply weapons and humanitarian aid simultaneously. But this is not necessarily the case. It would be a question of dosage and of choosing carefully, in consultation with Bosnia, the time and place for each son of support.

It would be important to declare openly to Serbia the general line of policy being followed and to make it

many patients that new drugs are

The overriding single concern

facing GPs in prescribing new drugs

is not their cost, but their safety and

efficacy. Over the years we have seen

many new drugs, some like Opren, introduced with a fanfare of pub-

licity, rapidly withdrawn because of

unexpected side effects, many seri-

Furthermore, the public, largely

through media publicity, are becom-ing more informed about new drugs,

and threat of litigation by patients with real or perceived side effects is

Looking at the results of the

Association of the British Pharma-

ceutical Industry's survey, it seems

Denmark and Germany are pre-

countries like France, and also Italy.

are prescribing so many.

IVAN OSRIN, Mill Lane Medical Centre,

Phone-box adverts

Sir, As Councillor Robert Davis

points out (letter, July 30) the

question raised by Ms Nina Lopez-Jones's letter of July 23 is not whether prostitution is good or bad.

but why the oldest profession in the

world should be entitled to the

privilege of free advertising - a privilege which is being financed by

BT and the Westminster City Coun-

cil for cleaning up the litter it causes,

and thus by the telephone users and

112 Mill Lane, NW6.

From Mrs Inga Haag

Yours faithfully,

August 5.

an increasingly worrying factor.

being withheld because of cost.

Prescribing drugs

From Dr Ivan Osrin

Sir, Why does the prime minister -"I don't detect any support in Parliament or in public opinion ..."

(report, August 4) - no: :hink that it is his job to lead? While we read of genocide his government waits to be coerced by public opinion, for constituents to fill post bags.

I once heard a shadow cabinet minister, speaking of trade union reform, say to the leader of the opposition, Lady Thatcher. "The people are not ready for such reform." She retorted: "It is our dury to make them ready." The trade unions were reformed

Yours faithfully, RICHARD STOREY. Settrington House, Malton, Yorkshire.

From Mr James Heitz Jackson Sir. Douglas Hurd's touching belief in the efficacy of discussion and pressure in forcing Serbian acquies-

enough. At best, it may act as a deterrent to some ultimate cruelty. but the most bestial will certainly be hidden. The Chief Rabbi is right (letter, August 8). Moral and political imperatives combine with tragic memories of yesterday to demand international military intervention today. Swift, positive, invincible - and now before Iran fills the vacuum.

tage point of a bus seat by purchas-

ing a ticket valid for the day on a

wide selection of routes. But that was

before privatisation and deregula-

With cars' environmental costs -

congestion, accidents, pollution -

mounting steadily, our politicians

will surely come to regret their

neglect of our once comprehensive

public transport network, even if they

cannot accept its necessity on social

need for lone customers to feel

conspicuous, in particular women on

their own, otherwise a prey to oglers while self-serving at a bar counter:

uncurtained floor-to-ceiling windows

open in warm weather but closed,

with normal indoor heating, in

For those customers who cannot

face daylight, hostile scrutiny and,

perhaps, the quiet, self-assurance of

professional waiters, there should be

a dark, smoky, noisy pub-like bar in

expense can be absorbed in oil-rich

countries, but not in impoverished

African states. People who have to

carry jerricans of water a long way to

their huts for cooking and washing

cannot water more than a very few

saplings until they are established.

The solution to desertification

would depend on aid for a reliable

piped water-supply. Only then could

the repetitive pattern of drought and

famine be reversed in time to save

Africa. Even then, such schemes

would depend on the stern discipline

so easily exerted by sheikhs in their

fieldoms, and so difficult to achieve

elsewhere. Let us hope it happens.

Yours truly.

JOYCE BUTTER.

Whitehill, Gordon, Berwickshire.

the far back of the premises.

25 Montague Street, W1.

Yours truly. CHARLES OWEN.

Yours faithfully, BARRY GOODCHILD,

36 Hinton Road.

-Wallington, Surrey.

From Mr Greville Janner, OC, MP

Sir. Red Cross inspection is not

continuing to exclude the possibility

of military action, can only convince

aggressors that they may, quite

If international institutions tasked

with keeping the peace are given no

teeth, and if the use of military

coercion is ignored as a potential

means of securing humanitarian

aid, then the very credibility of those

international institutions must be

dreadful escalation: if Sarajevo falls.

Kosovo is invaded: Albania and

Greece become involved; the Muslim

states agitate for unilateral action;

and the United Nations is left still

further behind. The splinters and

fall-out from the collapsing structure

will do more than simply hurt or

embarrass the government.

Sincerely, J. HEITZ JACKSON,

27a Cyril Mansions,

Battersea, SW11.

Prince of Wales Drive,

for Leicester West (Labour)

We are faced with the possibility of

questioned.

rally, get away with murder.

Yours faithfully, GREVILLE JÄNNER, House of Commons.

August 10.

grounds.

Vanishing buses

From Mr B. J. Goodchild Sir. Your report, "GPs slow to use new, expensive medication" (August 1), will strengthen the belief held by

Sir, How right is Sir Christopher Pinsent (letter, August 5) in deploring the failure of governments to protect our freedom to get about without a car. He writes with reference to rail travel but the situation in regard to buses is, if anything, worse. At one time most villages could boast a bus service: how many of those away from main roads can do so now?

Even in the early 1980s it was still possible to view large areas of the countryside from the superior van-

Holidays at home From Mr Charles Owen

Sir, An anglicised version of the continental street-side cafe might help to satisfy Janet Daley's egalitar-

August 4). that the cause for concern is not that The essentials are: rows of tables GPs in the UK, as well as Belgium. with the chairs facing towards the scribing relatively few items, but that

street, of which unobstructed views are offered, enabling customers to patronise passers-by at a safe distance rather than each other at teethbaring short range; families wel-come; service of drinks and food by waiter to each table, obviating the

Trees and rainfall From Mrs Jovce Butter

Sir, Professor Mowbray (lener, July

27) has drawn attention to the undoubted alteration in climate in the Gulf states, which I also witnessed between 1970 and 1990. Both Sheikh Rashid al-Maktoum's

massive tree planting (and golf course) in Dubai and Sheikh Zaid al-Narayan's similar programme of tree plantations in adjacent Abu Dhabi contributed to this ecological miracle, which I, 100, believed in. This could happen in Africa also -

but the trees and turf in Dubai and Abu Dhabi are dependent on drip irrigation. which is expensive. Drawn from shrinking aquifers beneath desert sands, and from large desalination plants at the coast, the

Pedestrianised London

Sir, I am grateful to Mr Alex Segal of

Westminster City Council (letter, July

17) for explaining why the council

has not done more to pedestrianise

suitable parts of central London. But

First, he rightly observes how lucky

we are to have the parks to walk in.

But that was not the point of my

letter. What we need to do is reduce

the traffic and the pollution and

improve the quality of life in the

Second, he says, as his council has

said for 30 years, that there is a need

to "keep the traffic moving". This is

really no excuse for holding back on

schemes of pedestrianisation. Pedes-

trianisation would in itself be a

streets.

worry about two of his remarks.

From Sir Nicholas Goodison

Marylebone Association. 4 Spanish Place, W1.

Albert Memorial

London council-tax payers.

Yours sincerely.

INGA HAAG.

From Mr Noel Mander Sir. Marcus Binney makes a good

case for the full restoration of the Albert Memorial (Life & Times, July 29), but he fails to mention one alteration that should be rectified. Shortly after the last war Lord

Mottistone was in charge of some restoration work and he had the temerity to turn the finial to face east/west, instead of north/south, as Scott left it, therefore spoiling the effect from the Albert Hall. Let us hope that this will be rectified. Yours etc.

NOEL MANDER. The Street, Earl Soham. Woodbridge, Sulfolk.

Machine talk From the Chairman of Amstrad

Sir, I was disappointed to read of Bernard Levin's experience with "Charlie", his name for the new Amstrad fax and telephone-answering machine ("Like talking to a machine", July 27). This was not because I was worried that his article would deter potential buyers but because Mr Levin had totally misunderstood how to use "Charlie". He wasted his money in buying another telephone-answering device from a

competitor of ours. As an intelligent man, Mr Levin should understand that there is no point in repeating his telephone number. If somebody calls him when he is out they expect him to answer,

"Heilo, this is Bernard. I am not here at the moment, please leave a message after the tone" (for the slowest-talking person this takes a maximum of seven seconds).

What is the point in replying. "Hello, this is one, two, three - four. five, six, seven; I am not here at the moment, please leave a message after the tone"? The person telephoning will know he has the right number as soon as he recognises Bernard's

Why, I wonder, was Bernard sprawled out on the floor trying to record the outgoing message - or does he do all his work on the floor? A fax machine is normally on a desk: if Bernard sits on a chair in front of the desk and leans slightly forward and speaks very close to the microphone, deterrent to traffic. If there were less traffic there would be less need to keep it moving.
I am glad that he and his council

would welcome other ways, such as road-pricing, of deterring traffic from central London. Certainly there are measures which central government could take to deter rather than encourage traffic (Julie Fitzgerald's letter, July 21) and to improve public transport. But Mr Segal and his colleagues should move more positively themselves and explain what large-scale pedestrianisation, which I am delighted to hear the council supports, means in terms of areas

and streets. Yours faithfully. NICHOLAS GOODISON (Chairman), TSB Group plc. PO Box 33, 25 Milk Street, EC2.

he will record a perfect outgoing message. To prove this, he should call my secretary; she will give him my direct line number which has one of these machines hooked on to it and he will hear my outgoing

message.

Finally, I must assure Mr Levin and your readers that I do not use competitors' products. I have one of these wonderful machines at home in the UK, one in my overseas home. and one in my office right beside my desk. I have not given any of them the name Charlie; but they serve me very well and will continue to do so.

Yours sincerely. ALAN SUGAR. Chairman, Amstrad plc. Brentwood House, 169 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex.

Law constraint on County Hall sale From Mr Chris Shepley

Sir. The London Residuary Body casts doubt upon the London School of Economics' bid for County Hall (report, August 5) on purely financial grounds: it considers it 'not worthy of serious consideration". This is a short-term, narrow-minded and un-imaginative response to an unusually beneficial proposal. But it raises a

wider issue.

The LRB is like other central and local government and public bodies in having some form of legal requirement to obtain the best financial return for land or buildings which are sold. The fact that this should not be the maximum possible price but the best price having regard to planning policy for the site is often

overlooked. Those of us unfortunate enough to have to negotiate with these bodies are used to their agents and officers adopting a pained expression regretting that the most commercially expedient proposal is being accepted, wishing they could be more public-spirited, but explaining sadly that the law requires them to obtain

the best value for the site. These rules have led to a nationwide rash of inappropriate, financeled planning applications over the last few years, many of which have inevitably been approved by local authorities or on appeal.

The government could take few actions more beneficial to the community than the removal of these requirements. Of course finance should be a factor - but certainly not the pre-eminent one, as it is at present. Public bodies would be wise in any event never again to rely on the sale of land and buildings to sustain themselves, since they now know that such a supply of income could suddenly dry up.

County Hall is just one of very many cases when the short-term financial imperative means that opportunities for wider or longerterm benefits (financial, social, cultural, educational, or simply admirable) may be lost.

Yours sincerely, CHRIS SHEPLEY (Chairman, Planning policy committee). The Royal Town Planning Institute,

26 Portland Place, W1. Policing style

From Dr Robin Moffat

Sir. Your second leader, "A plus to Imbert" (July 30), stressed the need to maintain the present policing style, so effectively developed by the Metropolitan police commissioner during the past five years. Every professional man and woman in the service must learn to respond to the community's requirements and to its

Nevertheless, it must be recognised that a small minority, in most urban communities, is at all times hostile to any form of action by the police, whose task is immensely difficult. Young constables, faced daily by verbal abuse and physical violence coming from villains crazed by alcohol and drugs, have earned our profound gratitude and respect. These officers deserve maximum support from seniors who are no longer in the front line.

In 1987 you described Sir Peter Imbert as "a good thinking copper" with a quick mind (report, February 28). Remember also: when he was the Thames Valley chief constable he allowed the television cameras into police stations, which aroused internal criticism in 1980. Subsequent events have proved that to have been a correct and courageous decision.

Finally, you might have mentioned Sir Peter's courage of a different kind when he returned to serve the capital after recovering from two complicated major surgical procedures. He will be a hard act to follow.

Yours truly. ROBIN MOFFAT (Senior forensic medical examinent. Metropolitan Police Service. 10 Harley Street, W.L. July 31.

Gold for Barcelona From Mr Ian S. McIntyre

Sir. The general consensus is that the Olympics were brilliantly organised. The ceremonial was a revelation to the millions watching round the world, showing as it did the typical flair and creativity of the Catalan people. From all accounts, the facilities for

the 10,000 athletes and for the legions of reporters were the best ever, and it was obvious from the television coverage that the track and field events started on time, every time. To top it all, the Spanish won 22 medals in sports ranging from judo to the 1500 metres regarded by many as the high point of the whole Games. The new Spain is a very different

world from the old days of inefficient bureaucracy, siestas and "mañana". If Manchester succeeds in its goal to hold the Olympic Games in 2000, it will be interesting to see if we can match Barcelona's achievements.

Yours faithfully, IAN S. McINTYRE, Orchard House, Ashwellthorpe, Norfolk. August 10.

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Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -071-782 5046.

Birthdays today

Sir Bernard Ashley, non-executive chairman, Laura Ashley, 66; Sir Richard Barratt, former Chief Inspector of Constabulary, 64; Mr Don Boyd, film director, 44; Sir Geoffrey Cass, chief executive, Cambridge University Press, 60; Mr James Eaton, Lord Lieuten-ant of the City of Londonderry. 65; Professor J.R.S. Fincham, geneticist.66: Professor Alun Hoddinott, composer, 63: Lord Houghton of Sowerby, CH, 94; Professor Derry Jeffares, professor of English studies, 72: Sir Aaron Klug, biochemist, 66: Dame Jean Lancaster, former director. WRNS, 83: Mr Raymond Leppard, conductor, 65; Mr Sam McCluskie, trades unionist, 60; Miss Anna Massey, actress, 55; Admiral Sir Julian Oswald, 59; Lord Poole, 81; Sir Michael Quinlan, civil servant, 62; General Sir Charles Richardson, 84; Dame Angela Rumbold, MP, 60; Mr Thomas Taaffe, racehorse trainer, 59; the Right Rev J.L. Thompson, Bishop of Bath and Wells, 56; Lord Varley,

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Thomas Betterton, actor and dramatist, London, 1635; Richard Mead, physician, London, 1673; Joseph Nollekins, sculptor. London. 1737; Char-lotte Yonge, novelist, Otterbourne, Hants, 1823; Chris-Onerpourne, Hants, 1825; Crirstian Eijkman, physician, Nobel laureate 1929, Nijkerk, The Netherlands, 1858; Hugh McDiarmid, pseudonym of Christopher Grieve, poet, Longholme, Dumfries, 1892; Enid Blyton, children's writer, landes, 1897.

DEATHS: John Henry Newman, cardinal, Edgbaston, 1890; Andrew Carnegie, steel industrialist and philanthropist, Lennox, Massachusens, 1919; Edith Wharton, novelist, Brice-sous-Foret, 1937; Jackson Pollock, Expressionist painter, East Hampton, New York, 1956; W.M. (Bill) Woodfull, Australian cricketer Brisbane, 1965. The Atlantic Charter was signed by Winston Churchill and Franklin Roosevelt, 1941.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Mr Richard Nigel Dales is be High Commissioner to Zim-babwe, succeeding Sir Kieran Prendergast who will take up another Diplomatic Service

Appointment

Gordon Rayment Ashton has been appointed a district judge at the Preston and Blackpool County Courts and the High Court at Preston and Blackpool with effect from 7 September

Pewterers'

The following have been elected officers of the Pewterers Comnany for the ensuing year. Master, Mr C.J.M. Hull; Upper Warden, Sir Frank Layfield, QC: Renter Warden, Mr P.S.

Latest wills

Mrs Eileen Mary Vanghan-Williams, of Woolton Hill, Hampshire, left estate valued at £2,584,042 nct.

Frances Ida Fensom, of Highgate, north London, left estate valued E541,968 net. She left £17,500 to personal legatees and the residue equally between the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, Royal National Institute for the Blind, Help the Aged, Cancer Research Campaign, Guide Dogs for the Blind Association and the Multiple Scierosis Society. Mrs Phyllis Georgina Pacey, of Worthing, West Sussex, left estate valued at £897,090 net. She left £20,000 and certain effects to

personal legatees and the residue equally between the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, Ex-Services Mental Welfare Society, Children in Need Appeal, Royal National Institute for the Blind, Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Royal Star and Garter Home at Richmond, British Heart Frandation, Royal British Heart Foundation, Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Edinburgh. Mr Brendon Joseph Mulholland. of Stanton Long, Much Wenlock, Shropshire, journalist imprisoned for refusing to name his sources to the Vassall tribunal in 1963, left estate valued at £131,049 net.

University news

Dr Ian Diamond, senior lectures in social statistics, has been promoted to professor of social statistics.

Dr Martin Bulmer, reader in social administration at the London School of Economics, has been appointed to the chair of sociology at Southampton University from I April 1993.

Rosemary Crompton, senior lecturer in sociology, has been pro-moted to reader in sociology, from July 1.

Dr Clive Church, reader in European studies, has been promoted to professor of European studies, from July 1. Dr Hugh Cunningham, senior

lecturer in history, has been promoted to professor of social history, from July 1.

Luncheon Rotary Club of London

Mr Neville Shulman, president of the Rotary Club of London, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the Marriott Hotel. Mr Nicholas Hinton, director-general of the Save the Children Fund, was the guest speaker. Among those

present were:
Sir Sigmund Sternberg, Mr
George Bendel, Mr John Brittan,
Mr John Bird, Mr Ernest
Muhlen and Mr Tom Loftus.

Rare camera

A rare 60-year-old box camera is likely to set a £7.000 auction record when it goes on sale at Christie's in London next month. Kodak made only the camera to mark George Washington's bicentenary in 1932 before the project was halted because of the Depression. Proceeds will go to Kodak's photographic museum at Roch-



Dawn sortie: members of the Household Cavalry mounted regiment prepare for a morning ride at its summer camp at Thetford, Norfolk

Pre-Raphaelites' castle seeks £1 m saviour

ARCHITECTURE

AYRSHIRE castle steeped in Pre-Raphaelite poetry and painting is the latest historic country house threatened with break-up. Dante Gabriel Rossetti and his sister Christina stayed at Penkill Castle near Girvan, while William Morris was bewitched by the view from the tower across the sea to the mountains of Arran.

Penkill's American owner, Dr Elton Eckstrand, is desperate to find a 19th laird

willing to keep the castle and contents together at an asking price of £1 million. "I put Penkill and nine acres on the market in May and have had 131 enquiries. There are now four serious bidders but none want the contents," he said. Jan Marsh, author of The

Pre-Raphaelite Sisterhood, who is now writing a biography of Christina Rossetti, says: "Penkill is a northern counterpart of Charleston in Sussex, successfully saved by the Bloomsbury Association. The Pre-Raphaelites painted seriously at Penkill, but embellished it for fun. Up every

wall, round every corner, in every window embrasure are delightful decorative paintings." Penkill, she said, was full of painted furniture in the style of William Morris's famous Red House at Bexleyheath - cupboards,

chests, beds and panelling. The lairds of Penkill over more than four centuries were the Boyds, descended from Robert Boyd, regent of Scotland in 1466. Their 16th century castle fell into ruin after 1761 when it was left to a nephew living in Virginia. The tiny castle was only rebuilt by his great grandson

known work is a series of historical murals for the Trevelyan family at Wallington in Northumberland. After Spencer Boyd's death, Scott needed an excuse for his long stays at Penkill and so embarked on an ambitious history painting of the walls of the castle's spiral staircase. His subject was The King's Quair, a poem written by James I of Scotland while a prisoner in Windsor Castle in

Spencer Boyd in 1858-59 in the baronial manner of Ab-

botsford, with just one room

on each floor and a distinctive

ors are the products of the lifelong friendship between

Boyd's sister. Alice, and the

Pre-Raphaelite painter William Bell Scott, whose best-

Penkill's remarkable interi-

peppergrinder tower.

fort in the garden and is transported in a dream to the court of Venus and Minerva. Clive Wainwright, the V&A's expert on 19th century interiors, said: "Penkill belongs to the remarkable collection of Border castles, like Alnwick, Bamburgh and Lindisfarne, steened in victorian romanticism of the Middle

the 1420s. The king glimpses

his beloved Lady Jane Beau-

Jan Marsh added: "Anyone who has read Unitstina Rossetti's letters can go there an individual charitable trust and see the croquet lawn she Looking for a laird: Penkill castle has four serious bidders but none wants the contents the first of his famous love Edinburgh.

poems to Jane Morris. After Alice Boyd's death in 1897, the castle passed to three spinster sisters and survived untouched for nearly 75 years, until a succession of dealers persuaded the last of

the sisters to sell important paintings and drawings. Locally the scandal came to a head when the milkman. who had moved into the gate lodge as caretaker, drupped dead as he started to weench a portrait of Spencer and Alice Boyd from the wall over which Scott had written providentially: "Move not this

Dr Eckstrand bought the house still furnished in 1978 and has bought-back a num ber of important items in-cluding Christina Rossett's bed. Over the last 15 years he has built up a small dedicated band of Penkill devotees. "Now : am 60 I want to find someone else to take up the challenge. Looking after Penkill is a full-time occupation." he said.

He has had little response from public bodies though Lord Rothschild, chairman of the National Heritage Memorial Fund, visited the castle last week following representations by local conservation groups.

which could request a loan of

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.K. Huggins and Miss A.A. Bradley Christopher Huggins and Alison Bradley are delighted to

Dr T.G. Over and Dr C.E. Naish

The engagement is announced between Timothy Overton, only son of Mr and Mrs Alan Overion of Shapson. South Devon, and Caroline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Naish, of Charlibury, Oxfordshire.

Mr P.L. Sh and Miss A.M. Pilcher

John L. Skercher, of Bawdeswell, Narfolk, and Mrs Christine Jermy, of Gotteston, Norfolk, and Aline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Picher, of Bucks

Mr A.D. Thomas and Miss J.L. Walsh The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs D.O. Thomas, of Linie Challour, Buckinghamshire, and Joanne, daughter of Mr and Mrs B.A. Walsh, of Letchworth,

Marriages

Mr N.D. Ha

The marriage took place on Saturday, Angust 8, at St Andrews, Chiew Stoke, of Mr Nigel Hammond, elder son of Mr and Mrs Derck Hammond, to Miss Sarah, Peance, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Peance. The Rets Reim Wivian officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Louise Pair.

The Rev M.R. Harrison and thing R.A. Beadley
The marriage took place on
Samuelay at the Church of St

James, Casile Acre, Norfolk, of the Ros. Michael Robert Hamison, second son of Professor P.J. Harrison, of Learnington Spa, Warwickshire, and of the late Mrs Harrison, to Miss Rachel Anne Bentley, daughter of the Bishop of Lynn and Mrs Bentley, of Castle Acre. The father of the bride, the Rev C. Moody and the Rev A. Cain officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her twin brother; Mr Simon Bentley, was attended by Rachel Bolt. Mrs Katharine Gosick, Mrs Una Bentley and Mrs Rebecca Harrison. The Rev Martin Gorick was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent in France.

Sporting role for Prince

Prince Edward is to become president of the Lord's Tavemers, the celebrity sporting charity, for two years. He will lead a drive to promote sport for young people, especially the poor and the disabled.. The Prince, who takes over

from the current president. Leslie Crowther, on January l. is the third member of the roval family to become president of Britain's national played on and the turret she stayed in." It was at Penkill ings of Penkill now owned by that Gabriel Rossetti wrote the National Galleries in and the Prince of Wales

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCIER - On August 10th.
Suddenly at home in
Budleigh Sallerton, Beryl
Joan, aged 62. Loving and
much loved wife of Ken,
dearty loved mum of Mandy
and Liz and darling Nama
Beryl of David and Maithew.
Enquiries to J.W. Paimer
Puneral Directors. (0395)
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Martin-in-the-Fields, WC2:
JONES - A Memorial Service
will be held for Humphrey
Jones on Saturday September 12th at 4.50 pm in Ali
Seints Church, Blackheath,
MIROSEVIC-SORGO han,
in memory of his passing
away on August 21st 1991.
Mass will be held on 21st
August 1992 at Brompton
Oratory at 12.50 pm, IN MEMORIAM -

> PRIVATE FROST - On August 11th

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ABDELLATIF - On August 4th, at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Motasim and Sara, a daughter. Hind Motashi Daoud. Motesm Lactor.

ADAMS - On August 8th, at Queen Chariotis's Hospital. to Jackie and Glies, a son. William Douglas Martin. a brother for Olivia. AVERY - On July 31st. to Catherine the Melvin and Nigel a daughter. BEAUMONT - On August 6th, to Katle (née Bowaler) and Mark. a daughter. Emma Camilla.

BELL-TRVING - On August 9th 1992, to Floria and Andrew, a daughter, Charlotte Elizabeth. BERRY - On August 5th. to Joanna (nèe Leschallas) and Edward, a daughter, Rose Ophelia. a sister for Alice. BOTES - On August 9th, to Carla Inée Pelle) and Ian. a daughler, Leone Rosemary, a sister for Otiver.

CULLEN - See Gross. EHRLICH - On August 6th at Deborah and pida iai. 8th. io FAULKS - On August 8th. io Catherine (mée Turner) and Edward. a son. Leo Alexander Lawiess.

sairs once Akroyou and Brian, a son.

FREUD - On August Srd in New York. to Patricia tnée Solomon) and Dominic. a son. Nicholas James.

GROSS - On August 6th 1992. at Queen Chariotie's Hospital, to Ruth tnée Cuillen, and Peter, a son. Edmund Walter Cuilen, a brother for George.

HESS - On August 4th. to Edward and Elizabeth, a daughter, Emily Charlotte Flora. & sister for William. HEWARD - On August 5th. to Annabel (née Henderson) and Paul, a son. Samuel Charles Frederick.

Marie-Christine Francesca 'Tina' (née Rennie), wife of Nicolas Michel. a son, Alexander Nicolas, both well MacHARG - On August 6th 1992, to Jenny (nee Main) and Graham. a damphier. Rosanna Claire Jessica. MARTIN-HOOGEWERF - On MOBES - On July 31st 1992. at Stoke Mandeville Hospital. Aylestury, to Elizabeth unde Overton) and Christopher, a daughter Lucinda Dora Jame.

BIRTHS MULLIN - On August 6th. at Liverpool, ko Janet (née Walsh) and Stanley, a daughter, Sarah Margarel. PISSARRO - On August 6th. to Amanda (née Wilmoth) and Maithew, a daughler. Henrietta Alice.

PULSFORD - On August 6th 1992, to Flona (née Cook) and Lesler, a son. Anthony William. Wilmani.

RICHARDS - On July 26th at Freedom Fleids Hospital.

Plymouth, to Suzanne and Colin. a beautiful daughter.

Josephine Maria Victoria. A little sister for James and Sebastian.

RUSSELL-PAVIER - On August 5th at the West London Hospital, to Calriona and Christopher. a son. Charles Adey, a brother for Louise. SCRIPPS - On August 7th 1992, at The Portland Hospital. to Marta tnée Bellometil) and Andrew, a son, Leo Anthony Peter, a brother for Francesca.

WHITELAW - On August 3rd 1992 in Paris, 10 Nicola (née Less) and David, a son, Alexander Stuart Davidson, WITHERS GREEN - On August 5th 1992, to Cathryn and Jeremy, a son. Thomas Archbold, a brother for Joshua.

DEATHS

RACKUS - On August 60s. RACKUS - On August 6th.
unexpeciedly, but peacefully.
at home. Major Geoffrey
Marlow (retired). originally
of Velipariso. Husband of
Catherine and father of
Stacia and Cara Funeral
Service at Maldon Connetery.
11 am Friday August 14th.
Flowers to A.G. Smith. 7
Spital Road. Maldon. Essex.
or donations to The Cals
Protection League. Merporial
Service. St Mary's Church.
Maldon. 11.20 am Thursday
September 10th.

BUGLER - On August 6th
1992. Gertrude Anetla
Bugler (Hardy's Tess) in her
96th year, of Beaminster.
Dorset. Thankspiving
Service will take place at 5t
Mary's Church. Beaminster,
on Wednesday August 19th
at 2.30 pm. Donations if
desired for \$t Michael's
Church, Sünsford. c/o A.J.
Wakely & Sons, 7 North
Street. Beaminster. Dorset.

SURGESS - On August 8th. SURGESS - On August 8th.
Donald Benlamin of South
Petherion. aged 72 years.
Dear husband of Jean and
father of Ony and Mary.
Service will take place at the
Church of Si Peter and St
Paul, South Petherton. on
Wednesday August 12th at
2.15 pm followed by
remailson. Family flowers
only please but donalisms if
desired for the British Red
Cross Society c/o Irish &
Denman F/D, Palmer Street.
South Petherton. Somerset.
TA15 SDR.

CAMERON - On August 8th 1992. at Dainair House, Major Ewan Murdoch. Iormenty of Auchineden. Bianefield by Glasgow. Private funeral Service. No flowers. Donations to Injured Jockey's Fund. PO Box 9. Newmarket, Suffolk C88 8.4G.

B.G.

CARDEN - On August 7th 1992, peacefully at a Hampstead nursing home. Daisy Ethel, aged 96 years. Crematorium on Tuesday August 18th at 11.45 am. No flowers by request. Enquiries to Leverion & Sons Lid. c/o L. Ebden. Funeral Director. Let: (071) 586-4221.

CARLTON - On August 7th,
Rosemary, aged 85. of
Ticehurst, Sussex, Devoted
daughter and very dear
sister, aunt and companion.
Cremation at Reading
Crematorium. Enquiries
please call Reading 402301.

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COX - On August 10th, Judge
Albert Edward (Bill),
peacefully in France. Very
much loved husband of
Alwyne and father of David.
Dear Bill will be fondly
remembered by all who
knew and loved him.
Funeral at Tellhet, France,
on Wednesday August 12th.
DAMIANI - On August 8th
1992, peacefully at City
Hospital, Edinburgh, Alice
As-ad, mother of Anita
Shanley and Sylvia Haddad,
Ruia, Reem and Alison,
Funeral Service in Polwarth
Church,
Edinburgh, on Wednesday
August 12th al 2 pm, thereafter to Wartston Colster
Chapel at 2.45 pm - all
friends are invited.
Condolences. Shanley Residence, 8 Ardmillian Terrace.
Edinburgh Ethil 2 Nr. DEVLIN - On August 9th, Pahrick. Baron Devlin, husband of Madeleine, peacefully at home fortified by the rites of the Church. Requiem Mass private, No flowers please.

flowers please.

FALLON - On August 9th. suddenly in hospital. Nicholas Raven aged 72. Formerty of Carlton Drive. Putney. Beloved brother of Tim. uncle of Kay. Robert. Sarah and Nicola. Funeral Service at 2.15 pm on Friday August 14th at the Putney Vale Crematorium. London SW15. Family flowers only please but donallons if desired to The Stroke Association tel: (071) 490-7999. Enguiries to Mears & Cotterill Funeral Directors. 169 Merton Road. SW18. let: (081) 874-7698.

(081) 874-7698.

FEMNELL - On August 9th, Professor John Fermed, suddenly in hospital. Liturgy at 9 am, Internal service at 10.30 am, Thursday August 13th at the Church of the Autupaciation and Trinity, 1 Canterbury Road, Oxford, No Bowers please but donations if wished to Sir Michael Sobell Hospital, Oxford.

FISHER - On August 5th 1992, gently at her home, Jean Wyndham Uean Elwing) of Berkhamsted and of Rockhampton. Queensiand. Loved wife of Henry, loved mother of Robert, loved by relatives and many friends. Funeral Scrulce al Amersham Carmatorium on Friday August 14th at 1 pm. Enquiries to J Worley (Puneral Directors) Ltd. (0442) 870326. GAY - On August 7th, in Winchester Hospital, Ivor Philip Eddington Cary. Private cremation followed by Service of Thanksylving at Winchester College Chapel on Friday August 14th at 4pm. No flowers please. Donations, if wished, to The Lague of Friends of Winchester Hospitals c/o Jno. Steel & Son Ltd., Chesti House, Winchester.

GILL - On August 7th, suddenly, darling Cella gabe Gore-Booth, Loved by all her family and friends. Private cremation with family flowers, A Service of Thanksgiving will be held in September. Enquiries to J. Kenyon (071) 937-0757.

GORE-BOOTH - See Gill. GORE-BOOTH - See CILL

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GREDLEY - On Monday
morning August 10th alter a
2'v year brave fight against
breast cancer. Mrs Sarah
Crediey, wife of Bill Grediey.
She leaves her husband Bill
and two children Timothy,
aged 6 and Pollyanna. aged
5. A funeral service will be
held at the Calholic Church
of Our Lady and S
Etheldrede. Newmarket, on
Sunday August 16th at 5 pm
and a buffal service
afterwards at Stelchworth
House. Stetchworth, for
family and Irlends. family and friends.

HAMILTON-PARKS - On Sunday August 9th. peacetally in hospital. Ricky' so dearly loved husband of Cwen. Funeral Service at the isle of Wight Crematorium on Thursday August 13th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only by request. All enquiries to Everson Funeral Directors. iel: 10983) 756733.

HANSCOMBE - On Friday tel: (0983) 735733.

HANSCOMBE - On Friday August 7th 1992. at home, John Hammond aged 66. Loving husband of Sue and latter of James and Sarah. Privale family funeral. Service of Thanksghing al 3pm on Tuesday September 1st at All Saints. Shillington, nr. Hitchin. Herist No flowers, but donations may be made to The Marie Curis Memorial Foundation c/o John Saunders & Son. Duke Street. High Town, Luton, LU2 OHH.

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HYDÉ - On August 8th, peacefully at Clore Hall Nursing Home, Somerset, Esmay Margaret (Peggy), widow of Richard D Hyde and mother of Penny and Richard, Funeral at 12 noon Friday August 14th at Taunton Crematorium Family flowers only, but donations if desired to The Royal School for Deaf Children, Margais.

DEATHS MacSill - On August 7th 1992. In Bath, Robert Campbell Stuart, The family would the to thank everyone at Bridgemend Nursing Home for their great care and support.

MAJINS - On August 6th, suddenly at Thatinhull House, Professor John Melville, husband of Penelope and father of Janet, Richard, Edward, Carola, David and Phillipa, Foneral 2st Margarets, Inntinhull, Thursday August 13th, 2.30 pm. Flowers or donations to Harold Miles, Funeral Director, (0963) 40367.

MecLEAN - On August 8th, very courageously after many years of extreme discountort, Elleen, widow of the Jate Basil McClean, dearly beloved mother of Lesley-Anne, mother-in-law of Michael and greatly loved grandmother of Alexandra, Paul, Anna and Hugh, Requiem Mass and flueral sit be Church of St. Crispin and St. Crispinian, Pulborough, on Thursday August 13th at 3 pm. Family Howers daily donations instead to the West Sussex, McMillam Bryder and Son, Tillington, Petworth, West Sussex, McMillam Bryder and Son, Tillington, Petworth, West Sussex, McMillam Bryder and Son, Tillington, Petworth, West Sussex, McMillam, Perworth, West Sussex, McMillar, Dr. Marry HICKS - On August 8th 1992.
peacefully at her home at Colyton. Devon. Rita Marjorie aged 78 years, widow of Raymond. Cremation private, followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St Andrew's Church. Colyton. on Friday August 14th at 2.30. No flowers please, donations if wished for Seaton Hospital at Home or Church Lantern Tower Appeal at the Church or c/o Lloyds Bank. Colyton. Enquiries: Richards. Colyton. 10297/ 5825333.
INGLE - On August 2nd 1992. Colyton. (0297) 502555.

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Agnes (Nan) aged 97. In Pretoria North, South Africa. Widow of Laurence Ingle F.R.C.S. of Cambridge and North China. Admired. respected and loved by herchildren, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

crimites, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

KENYON - On August, 7th 1992, pracefully at home at Lydbury North. Shropshire, Lt. Col. William Patrick Kenyon, late the Royal Welch Fusillers, aged 94, much loved husband of the late Joan Kenyon, falher of Martin. Michael and Toby and grandfather of Eliza. Nina, Alice, Hannah and Polly. Private funeral at Pradoe. A Service of Remembrance and Celebration for the lives of Joan and Pat Kenyon will be held at St. Michael and All Angels. Lydbury North, on Montau-August 17th at 5 pm. Fansily flowers only, but domations in aid of the Southern Africa Church Development Trust will be gradefully received at Little Court. Pound Lane. Station. Deven.

natural severa and Son. Tillington, Petworth. West Sussex.

McHUGH - On August 6th. whilst in, hospital. Dr. Mary Patricia McHugh. M.B. Ch.B. Ph.D. retired Corcurer for Croydon. Mother of, Greta. Christopher and Bridgel and grandmother to Richard and Annie-Marie. Fumeral Service on Monday August 17th at the South London Cremaborium. Rowan Road. at 11.30. Family flowers only but donations may be sent to King's College Hospital Appeal. Demmark Hill. Any conquiries to Rowland Brotherst (091) 694-1667.

MITCHELL - On August 8th. Grace Delia. seed 85. of Brightom, peacefully at South Godstone. Funeral at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium. Balcombe Road. Worth. Sussex. Tutursday August 13th at 3.30 ptn., No flowers but donations in lieu to Breast Currer Research. Royal Marsden Hospital. Downs Road. Suiton. St. MoORE - On August 7th, Iain. appet 42. (riem) of Robert 100. Shaldon. Devon.

KEVIS - On August 5th. suddenly. Kenneth Henry. much loved husband of Mary. loving father of Lionel. father-in-law of Care and grandhather to Edward and Katle. Funeral Service at St. Botobh's. Chevening. m. Sevenosis. 2 pm Thursday August 13th. Family flowers only. donations to Ash Church Room Fund c/o W. Hodges. (0732) 454457.

LLEWELLYN - On August 9th, David, Beloved husband

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LOWES - On August 8th, Namy Marquerite Emma Duckworth peacefully. Greatly loved official Namy for 52 years to Felicity Ame. Pip. and their children, Nicholas and David; unofficial Namy to countiess others; slater of Deroldy. She will be lovingly remembered by all whose lives she touched. Private funeral. Service of Thanksgiving at 8th Michael's, Bishops Stortford, on Tuesday August 25th at 3pm. No flowers please but donations if desired to Macmillan Nurses Appeal C/O. Felicity-Anne Richardson, S. Michael's Vicarage, Bishops Stortford CM23 2LY.

Royal Marsden Hospital.

Downs Road. Suiton. Sy.

MOORE - On August 7th, Iain.
aged 42. friend of Robert
Cary and son of Rouald and
the late Curistine Moore,
stepson of Susan. brother of
Simon. Tan and Sally.
Funeral at St Boloiph's.
Aldgale, at 12 moon on
Friday August 14th.

MORGAN - On August. 4th
1992. peacefully al Franchay
Hospital. Bristol. - Cutries
Anthony George aged 41.
Beloved husband of Isabel
and much. loved faither, of
Dominic and India. Funeral
Service at Haycombe
Crematorium Chapel. Bath.
Avol. on Friday August 14th
at 12 noon. Memorial
Service at St Denya Charch.
Rotherfield. East Susser. on
Wednesday August 28th
1992 at 12 noon. Family
Rowers only. Domations if
desired to Imperial Cainer
Research. Lincoln's lan
Field. London WCZA 3PX.

PERRINS - On August 8th, after a short timess. In invitog nemony of Hester Perkins, daughter of Solomon Barlow, loving wife of Dr. Ernest Collin-Russ OBE, mother of Michael and Sylvia, mother-in-law to Lucle and Michael. The grandmother to David, Ann. Simon. Angust. Amanda and Mark, "You kept my trust - Little Brown Jug, we do love thee. Bonzy Bog".

RIGBY - On August 8th, at home, Robin Righy M.C. P.C.A., after a long-times courageously borne. Will be so satisy missed by his adored wife Suzame, Jane and Guy and his five grandchildren. Funeral Service at St. John the Beptist Church, Little Mariow, at 2.30 pm on Friday August 14th followed by private cremation, Earnity flowers only but if so desired donations for a new asthmachial to Dr. Geoffrey Pyeand Partners. Calcot Medical Centre. Chalfont St. Peter. \$1.9 95A.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
OF MEETING UNDER SECTION
48121 of the insolvency Act 1986
MALLARD PARK HOTEL
LIMITED
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 48 (2) of the insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the insolvence or ceditors of the above-named company will be hold at 62, New Cavandish Street, Landon Wilm 7LD on the 19th August, 1992 at 11,30am for the purpose of having hald before it a report prepared by the Administrative Receiver and if though fit. appointing a creditors commisee Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or to be represented at the meeting.
Other creditors will be entitled to

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF JORNT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVESS
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details in writing of the amounts they claim are due to them from the company.

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5. A form of prony in the prescribed form has been lodged at the offices of C.C. Adams Associates

Administrative Receiver.

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WOOD WATCHING

Answers from page 14 __

(a) To shake or rock, from the OHG seec oscillation, swinging a swing: "Pain shogged through Mickelsson, as if he himself had become the burning

(b) The excrement of insect larvae, also,the refuse left behind by boring insects larvae, also, the refuse root of fressen to devour: "Miss Dessiquint, with eyes like frozen frass." NEPOPHILE

(a) Lover of a nephew or niece, from the Latin nepos, a grandson, grand-daughter, descendant + Greek phile lover: "My fival Phinens, who lusted after Andromeda, avuncular nepophile." (b) A term applied to various forms of profound sleep or insensibility, esp. the fourth and extremest form of insensibility, the others being sopor, coma, and lethargy, from the Greek kares heavy sleep: "The lady might lie in this deathlike cares for days."

OBITUARIES

Lord Devlin, PC, FBA, former law lord and writer, died on August 9 aged 86. He was born on November 25, 1905.

atrick Devlin was an outstanding judge and brilliant jurist. Throughout his life he was a formidable champion of justice, a profound lawyer and a perceptive observer of the acis and omissions of the legal establishment. After a distinguished career he used his searching concern about potential miscarriage of justice as a leading campaigner for the release of the Guildford Four. He was also the first non-journalist chairman of the now defunct Press Council and a notable chairman of public enquiries whose findings were renowned for their clarity of thought and sturdy

At the age of 42 Devlin was the youngest judge to be appointed this century when he became a Justice of King's Bench Division in 1948. His most celebrated case was the trial and acquittal in 1957 of John Bodkin Adams, the Eastbourne doctor accused of poisoning a patient.
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Catholic family. His father was an architect practising in Aberdeen. His two brothers were Christopher Devlin, the Jesuit priest and author, and William Devlin, the actor. Two of his sisters were nuns. He thought of going into the priesthood. Devlin was educated at Stonyhurst and Christ's College, Cambridge, where his academic achievements gave little indication of his subsequent brilliance. At the Cambridge Union, however, he displayed all the charm, logic and eloquence of the consummate advocate. He succeeded Michael Ramsey, the future Archbishop of Canterbury, as president of the union

He was called to the Bar in 1929 by Gray's Inn, having been a pupil of Cartwright Sharp. Almost immediately after his call, he became legal secretary to the Attorney-General, Sir William Jowitt, and returned with Jowitt to practise in the Temple in 1931. Although he was prosecuting counsel to the Mint from 1931 to 1939, most of his work lay in the commercial field. During the second world war he helped in the legal department of the ministry of supply. He took silk in 1945. In 1947 he was appointed Attorney-General to the Duchy of Cornwall. In 1948 he was made a judge of the King's Bench Division at the age of 42.

For the next 15 years he sat as a judge and there were few better in this century. Although he had virtually no experience of criminal work at the Bar, he soon became a first-class Assize judge. One of his directions to preputed to have shunned. They the jury in a murder trial on thought it wrong for the judiciary to provocation was described by the enter the arena of political controversections in Lord Chief Justice as a model for all sy which they feared might be the lower courts, to be boring, time. His conduct of the famous trial involved in considerations of ecoand acquittal of John Bodkin Adams at the Old Bailey showed a determination to adhere to principles of evidence in the face of great public hostility to the accused.

¬h·trial also produced a clash with the Attorney-General, Sir Reginald Manningham-Buller, made all the more piquant by the fact that both men were at that time considered to be in the running for the succession to Lord Goddard as Lord Chief Justice. Many years later, after the deaths of all the important participants in the trial. Devlin published an account of it in which he criticised the conduct of the attorney-general. This provoked profound indignation in some legal quarters. It was the only time in a long public life in which he was subjected to serious opposition. He took little notice of it.

In all his judgments he showed an exceptional flair for a discussion of the principles governing the case, and for reconciling or explaining previous decisions according to such principles. He thought long and deeply and undertook endless research when engaged in this task. His judgments became particularly brilliant, if sometimes rather long, after he became a Lord Justice of Appeal in 1960 and a Lord of Appeal

LORD DEVLIN



in Ordinary in 1961. Before these rapid promotions he had been for three years the first president of the Restrictive Practices Court.

This was a position of novelty and importance, and one which most of his brethren on the Bench are nomic policy and "the public interest", on which the Restrictive Trade Practices Act of 1956 required the court to pronounce. Devlin had no such inhibitions. He believed that it was perfectly possible and proper for a judge to apply such considerations without jeopardising his political neutrality, provided he scrupulously followed the terms of, and guidance given by, the act. By his conduct of the court he broke down any subsequent judicial distrust of this activity.

In 1963 he was 58 and at the height of his powers. He was the youngest law lord and dearly destined soon to preside over the country's highest court. Suddenly he resigned. The cause of this drastic step was not clear. Some thought that he had found it difficult to work with the Lord Chancelor, Lord Dilhorne, as his old adversary Sir Reginald Manningham-Buller had now become. Others thought he wished to devote himself to his Wiltshire farm. Others attributed it to growing deafness, although at this stage it was less a physical defect than an almost conscious defence against the chatter of fools.

The real reason was an increasing impatience with the method and conditions of work which then prevailed in the House of Lords. His visits to America and his friends

among American lawyers, among whom Dean Acheson was prominent, had convinced him of the superiority of the procedure of the Supreme Court, with its written briefs and limited time for oral argument. He considered that the practice in the House of Lords, in which counsel read out, often for days on end, the vassed support for a radical reform on the American model but received virtually none. Now most of his

suggestions have been adopted. Coupled with this frustration came irritation at the absence of decent facilities in the House of Lords. In the law courts a judge is accustomed to a large room which can house his library, a clerk and a secretary. When he was promoted to the Lords, Devlin found that he was given a desk and a small share in a typing pool. His efforts to secure better conditions of work produced no greater success than his efforts at modernising

procedure. His resignation coincided with a development in the work and prestige of the Press Council. Cecil King and other newspaper proprietors were anxious to raise the authority of this body by securing as its chairman a figure of national reputation and high judicial qualities. Devlin was the perfect man for the job, which he conducted with great diplomacy, always remembering the voluntary nature of the council and never reverting to the more dictatorial manner of the Bench. He regarded the council not as a censorious tribunal, but as a body whose function was to harmonise relations between the press and the public. Before his resignation, he had

acted as chairman of various public enquiries. In 1955, he examined the working of the dock labour scheme, a task he was to revert to ten years later. In 1959 he chaired the commission to enquire into civil disorder in Nyasaland. The report vindicated the governor's resort to emergency powers, but was awkward and unwelcome to the government of the day in some of its phraseology, particularly the statement that Nyasaland was, albeit temporarily, "a police state".

After his resignation, he became more than ever in demand for public duties. In 1964 he became a member of the Tribunal Administratif in Geneva, a body concerned to hear grievances of the employees of international organisations. In 1965 he was appointed chairman of the joint board of the national newspaper industry. A great deal of his energy was

devoted to warding off attempts to lure him back. He preferred to spend his time writing, lecturing and broad-casting. Of all these arts he was a master. He specialised in discussion on the interrelation between law and morality. He did not separate the two as strictly as some other polemicists. He thought that the function of the criminal law was something more than the preservation of public order and that it embodied and nurtured the morality of the community it served. He was challenged in this view by Herbert Hart, professor of jurisprudence at Oxford, and for years these two giants of controversy were locked in intellectual combat by the written or spoken word in Europe, America and Australia. The argument reached the heights of philosophy and at this level it was generally thought that the professor

Devlin was a great expounder of such English problems as the function of the jury, the principles of criminal prosecution, the nature of motoring offences, the rights and duties of doctors to incurable patients, the utility of preliminary proceedings and the desirability of reporting them in the press. He had a unique gift by which he could reason closely and professionally and yet make it all intelligible and interesting to the laity. Although a conservative by temperament, he was a reformer in legal matters. He would have made a great Lord Chancellor.

Academic distinctions crowded upon him. While a puisne judge, he was appointed chairman of the council of Bedford College, University of London. Characteristically he resigned when he became sceptical of the value of higher education for most girls. In 1965 he became a doctor of law of Oxford, and in 1966 of Cambridge. Leicester and Sussex. He was an honorary fellow of Christ's College. Cambridge. and High Steward of the university.

No one meeting Devlin for the first time would have assumed him to be a judge. He did not possess a com-manding figure. He did not seem bowed down with learning., He was neither pompous nor reserved. He had enormous charm and a great sense of humour.

He was blessed in his family life. In 1932 he married Madeleine, the younger daughter of Sir Bernard Oppenheimer. They had four sons and two daughters. At university Devlin renounced the Roman Catholic faith. Several years later, his wife and five of his children adopted it. These conversions in no way impaired the idyllic happiness of their life together on his farm in Wiltshire - a county which increasingly absorbed his attention and of which he was chairman of Quarter Sessions for many years - and in their house in the Algarve, where he spent two or three months every year writing his books. The best of these was Too Proud to Fight, a brilliant study of the forces operating on the mind of President Woodrow Wilson.

Indeed, as he approached the age of 70 he became increasingly active. He was in great demand on television. He served as an arbitrator in a series of heavy commercial disputes in India. Every year he would chair at least one public enquiry, such as that for the Confederation of British Industry on employer organisations or that for his fellow author and friend, Roy Jenkins, on problems of identification in criminal evidence.

Devlin will be remembered as much for what he did in public life outside the court room as for his forensic and judicial achievements, distinguished though he was as an advocate and judge. One of his abiding concerns was for the integrity of the criminal justice system and the maintenance of jury trial.

e had a horror of miscarriages of justice and a keen nose for smelling them out. In 1986 he read Robert Kee's remarkable book. Trial and Error, and was persuaded that there had been a gross miscarriage of justice in the case of the Guildford Four who had been convicted in 1975 of murder in terrorist bombing attacks on public houses frequented by

He was especially troubled by rejection by the Court of Appeal of new evidence. He believed that by themselves dismissing the appeal the members of the Court of Appeal had assumed the role of a jury. The credibility of the new evidence, he argued, was not for them: the accused had a righ! to have it considered by a jury before they could be convicted.

He joined with Lord Scarman in the campaign for the review of the Guildford Four - a campaign which. supported by Cardinal Hume, proved successful. The case illustrates his zest for a fight in a cause which he held dear and his tenacity in defence of what he saw as true principle. Devlin was reconciled with the Catholic Church in his last few days. He leaves his widow, six children and

innumerable grandchildren.

DR MARY **McHUGH**

Dr Mary Patricia McHugh, coroner for the southern district of London, 1965-85, died on August 6 aged 77. She was born on June 5, 1915.

MARY McHugh was Britain's first woman coroner and one of the most independent. to the fury of some of those who had to deal with her. If she decided on a course of action, she carried it through with resolution, if not obstinacy, and her reasons for it were sometimes unexpected, though in her eyes rational.

Within two months of her being appointed by the Great-er London Council. councillors in Croydon were up in arms when it was reported that she had decided to hold all inquests from the Croydon district several miles away in Sutton until a new court house was built.

She went against the prevailing mood over cot deaths. The Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths and the British Guild for Sudden Infant Death Study both wanted in 1974 to abolish the need for an inquest which upset par-ents. McHugh, steeped in medicine and the law, refused SUPPORT.

Nothing seemed to daunt her. She took on the legal establishment in 1984 over what she saw as an issue of principle in a case which had a whiff of espionage about it. She announced in November 1983 that she would hold in private an inquest into the death of Dennis Skinner, 54, a British banker who fell to his death from his Moscow flat.

The Observer won a court stay on the inquest, arguing that inquests could be held in private only when matters of national security were involved and that she was acting in excess of her duties. Rumours after Mr Skinner's death that he was involved with British intelligence led to denials by the Foreign Office and the Home Office that his death was connected with

When McHugh changed her mind and said she would hold the inquest in public it still could not go ahead because she refused to go to the High Court to get the stay lifted by agreement with The Observer.

national security.

Lord Justice Watkins in the High Court called her "a had failed without reason to hold the inquest in public and refused to recognise the fact that she should have done so. Next day McHugh found it 'quite deplorable" what had been said about her. In an affidavit filed in the High Court she said she considered it was not in the interests of national security to let it be disclosed how the security forces operated. She wanted to question Foreign Office officials with access to classified

information. Her last big argument, in 1985, was over kidney transplants. Surgeons accused her of blocking the operation by insisting that post-mortem examinations be held on potential donors. making it impossible to get vital organs. The two surgeons said that outside London there was no trouble; coroners' officers would ring them if they found a kidney donor card.

There was, of course, a counter argument: that was, ensuring that the speed necessary is not at the expense of procedure designed to safe guard would-be donors. And McHugh was a stickler for what she regarded as proper.

McHugh had a broad and sometimes restless outlook Her educational route took her to Nymphenburg, Mu-nich, to Notre Dame, Clapham and thence to Birmingham University. where she combined medical degrees with a PhD in the faculty of laws at London four years later. Her first job was, however. medical, as a house physician and anaesthetist at St Chad's Hospital, Bir-mingham, from 1942 to 1943. While in general practice in London from 1944 to 1965 she was called to the Bar at the Inner Temple in 1959. reflecting her interest in the interplay between the law and

medicine. This was to find expression in her role as coroner for the southern district of London, a post she held from 1965 to 1985, despite the storms which sometimes buffeted her. She had an original and pioneering mind. She was a past chairman of the Whole Time Coroners' Association and was a member of the British Academy of Forensic Sciences.

She was a founder member of the Royal College of General Practitioners, which, like her other interests, illustrated her concern for professional standards. She was an associate of the Institute of Linguists. She was a medico-legal columnist for Pulse and had written also on treasure trove and the law.

Mary McHugh had one son and two daughters of her marriage, which was dissolved in 1952.



August 11 ON THIS DAY

Though the year is 1905 the driver of the train involved in this accident is correctly described as a motorman Electric traction was

introduced on the Liverpool-Southport line in 1904 by the pioneering Sir John Aspinall who was chief mechanical engineer and later general manager of the old Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway.

LANCASHIRE **AND YORKSHIRE** RAIL DISASTER

INQUEST AND VERDICT

Mr Samuel Brighouse, coroner for South-West Lancashire, resumed the inquiry yesterday at the Public Offices, Blundellsands, into the railway disaster at Hall-road Station. near Southport, on July 27, whereby 20 lives were lost. Mr E.G. Hemmerdo and Mr F.E. Smith appeared for the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company: Mr Ashton Fletcher for the motorman. William Rimmer, Mr G.J. Lynskey, for signalman Boote.

Mr Hemmerdo said that the

railway company did not dis-pute civil liability. Mr Rimmer stated that he had been in the service of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company for 17 years. Since becoming a motorman his duty has been to drive electric trains between Liverpool and Southport, Only July 27 he was in charge of the 6.30 express from Liverpool. Nothing unusual happened

until they had passed Blundellsands Station, when he observed that the outer distance signal was against his train. As allowed by the regulations he passed this signal. When he got in sight of the signalman's cabin at Hall-road he saw him there with a green flag at the window. The witness shut off the current "to have the distinction that the flag was for

flag continually indicating to the witness that he was to go right away." He put on the current again, and when he got to the end of the platform he saw that the starting signal was thrown on. This occurred when he was close on it. He noticed the points set for the middle road siding. He at once shut off the current and tried to brake, but he could not avoid a collision with the train in the middle road siding, and he remembered nothing more until the Tuesday following.

Mr Boote, the signalman at

him": the pointsman waved the

1905

Hall-road Station on the night of the accident, stated that on the arrival of the 6.20 slow Liverpool to Hall-road train, he put the signals off and set the points to the middle siding into which the train was shunted. It was impossible, as stated by the driver, that the outer distance signal was against him and the inner distance signal for him No 38 signal was against the driver at the time, but witness pulled it off. As the train was drawing up to the outer home signal the witness forgot to reverse the points and pulled off No. 38, which was then in favour of the driver.

In reply to a question as to whether there was a system of fines against signalmen for any delay of express trains, the witness stated that the manager reported against them and they were fined. He had never been fined for stopping an express. He was once fined 10s for being asleep on duty. Mr Boote stated that an hour

before the express came along he had to deal with about 24 trains: he had to make eight or nine entries in his book in respect of each. There was a level crossing which he had .o. open nearly a dozen times a day, and there was a telephone which he had to attend to. He further stated that he had never used the green flag before for an express train, but on this occasion he lost his head.

The jury found that the accident was caused by a mistake by signalman Boote and driver Rimmer, which was censurable, but not criminal.

MAJOR-GENERAL GRAHAM MILLS

Major-General William Graham Stead Mills, CBE, who died on July 29 aged 75, was General

Officer Commanding West Midlands District 1968-70. On retirement from the Army he was. successively, warden of Le Court Cheskire Home and a member of the management committee of Park House, Sandringham. He was born on June 23, 1917.

GRAHAM Mills was a man of paradox. In his younger days, he was and looked the classic military officer of the 1930s: over 6ft tall, spare framed, clipped moustache, a disciplinarian who demanded the highest military and personal standards, and expected others to do the same.

Yet after he retired from the Army, he devoted himself in a most caring way to the Le-Court Cheshire Home, where he was a popular warden for five years, and to Park House. Sandringham, as a member of the management committee, which set up this country house hotel for the disabled the Queen to the Cheshire went to the staff college. Quet-

Foundation. The link between the two facets of his character was a kindness and honesty of purpose. He was a quiet, practical man of few words, who was good with his hands and with people. His strength lay in man

management, which was reflected in his success as adjutant of his regiment in the 1940s, and with the disabled in the 1970s. Mills was the son of William

Stead Mills of Halifax, and was educated at Merchiston Castle School, Edinburgh. He was reading agriculture at Reading University in 1938. The Munich crisis led him to abandon his degree and accept a regular commission in the local Royal Berkshire Regiment from the Supplementary Reserve. He did his initial training in the 1st Battalion under Lieutenant-Colonel Dempsey, who, later, as General Sir Miles Dempsey, became one of Montgomery's

most trusted commanders. Mills left for India to join. the 2nd Battalion at Lahore in 1939 and two years later became their adjutant in Bombay. His days with his regiafter it had been donated by ment ended in 1944 when he



ta. From there he was posted to 14th Army Headquarters in Burma where he served General Slim, first as GSO2 (Operations) and then as GSO1 (Operations) throughout the reconquest of Burma.

After the war ended in the

Far East, he was seconded as an exchange officer in the US Army Intelligence in Washington for three years. On his return to England in 1950, he volunteered for service with the Parachute Regiment and joined the 2nd Battalion as a

with it until 1953 when he was given the challenging job of going to the Sudan to set up the Army Staff College in Khartoum, which became one of the more successful Sudanese institutions in spite of that country's growing political instability. After a short spell back in England as second-in-com-mand of the 2nd Parachute

company commander, staying

Battalion, and commanding it temporarily for several months, he regained his war-time rank of Lieutenant-Colonel as GSO1 in the 2nd Division in BAOR. He then commanded the 17th (TA) Parachute Battalion in Newcastle, 1958-60, before becoming regimental colonel of the Parachute Regiment, where he gained the reputation of providing excellent support for the parachute battalions operating overseas during the counter-terrorist campaigns of the early 1960s.

Mills was regimental colonel when the system of seconding officers to the Parachute Regiment was being modified and a permanent cadre was being established. General Sir Kenneth Darling, colonel commandant, cleared away

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the rubble of the old system while Mills laid the foundations for the new regimental structure. He was promoted brigadier

in 1963 and commanded the Territorial Army brigade in Winchester until 1965, when he was appointed Brigadier General Staff in Aden, a job he held during the two fraught, turbulent years during which direct rule was imposed on the colony before its evacuation in 1967. He came back to England to attend the imperial Defence College before the Union Flag was finally lowered over Aden.

His last appointment in the Army was as a major-general commanding West Midlands District at Shrewsbury from 1968 to 1970. He joined the Cheshire Foundation almost straightaway, and became the warden of its founder home, Le Court, at Liss, Hampshire. in 1972. He retired to Norfolk in 1977 and was immediately asked to join the management committee, setting up Park House, Sandringham.

His wife, Joyce Evelyn Ransom, whom he married in India in 1941, died in 1981. Their three sons survive



Well, as the bishop said: if it had been Muhammad, they'd never have got away with it. Hugh Montefiore, the former bishop of Birmingham, was invited yesterday by Thames Television to comment on a Spitting Image tableau which forms part of an exhibition celebrating humour and satire in art, which opens at the Barbican. London, on Thursday. The bishop, author of Christianity and Politics, failed to find

anything funny about Margaret Thatcher as Christ, celebrating the Last Supper in the style of Leonardo da Vinci's 1497 mas-terpiece. "I'm saddened by something I think is inept, in had taste and rather

sacrilegious," he said. John Hoole, exhibi-tion organiser, said: "We are not intending to be blasphemous. We are merely using a composition by Leonardo to reflect the demise of the past prime minister."

Unionists demand Sinn Fein ban

fairs in Dublin welcomed the decision, the government insisted the ban was not as a result of pressure from the Irish Republic and that the government in Dublin had not been informed until after the decision was announced.

But Unionist leaders criticised Sir Patrick for failing to include Sinn Fein in the order made under the Emergency Provisions Act

Ken Maginnis, the security spokesman for the Ulster Unionist party, said he did not understand why Sinn Fein had not been banned. "We have never had any hang-ups about the possible proscription of the UDA or any organisation involved in sectarian murder. Clearly the UDA has been involved in killings and therefore we are

There have been increasing demands for government ac-

tion over the past two years as loyalist killers have matched republicans murder for murder. Last year, they were responsible for 46 per cent of all killings in a series of blatant sectarian murders. Loyalists, largely the UDA but also the outlawed Ulster Volunteer

ly the IRA, killed 47, 28 civilians and 19 members of the security forces. The Northern Ireland judiciary has long added weight to the campaign to have the UDA outlawed by speaking their minds about the organisation. The Lord Chief Justice Sir Brian Hutton said in 1989: Whatever the objectives of the UDA when it was first formed, it has been ap-parent to all for many years that it has aims and methods

which are criminal."

Force, killed 40 people, all

civilians. Republicans, main-

Ban delay, page 2

Fears over new council tax may save Howard from spending axe

By SHEILA GUNN AND ROBIN OAKLEY

MICHAEL Howard, the environment secretary, is expected to receive a sympathetic settlement from the Treasury for easing in the council tax next year, in spite of the disclosure yesterday that ministers will be asked to trim up to £5 billion off existing spending plans.
Mr Howard's bid for extra

funds will be near the top of the agenda of the cabinet's public expenditure committee, with a key role in cutting back public spending. John Major, in a move regarded as a tribute to two of the cabinet's heavy hitters, has in-cluded Michael Heseltine, the president of the Board of Trade, and Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, on the committee.

Downing Street yesterday revealed that the committee

will include Norman Lamont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Michael Portillo, the chief secretary, Lord Wakeham and Tony Newton as leaders of the Lords and Commons, Mr Heseltine, Mr Clarke and William Waldegrave, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

The inclusion of Mr Waldegrave is confirmation of his restored status after a sometimes uncomfortable ride as health secretary. The prime minister respects his intellect and believes that his work on the citizen's charter has equipped him well for inter-departmental assessments. Mr Newton and Lord Wakeham have been included because some of the committee's decisions may lead to legislation.

The committee, which will meet for the first time in September to begin allocating public spending in 1993-4, faces a particularly tough task. In future years social security payments, which represent around a fifth of public spending, will be left outside the early "control total" which will guide the commit-

tee's deliberations. This year the cabinet has agreed that the government will stick to the planning total of £244 billion announced in last November's autumn statement by the Chancellor. Since then ministers have put in £14 billion worth of extra bids. Of that, nearly £5 billion is represented by "unstoppable" increases such as the higher unemployment bene-

accommodated by reducing the contingency reserve for 1993-4 some will have to be found by cutting back on the existing spending plans for defence and transport.

A special case is likely to be made for local government following disquiet among Tory MPs about the political fallout of the switch next year from poli tax to council tax. John Major is said to be acutely aware of the risk of provoking the sort of public outcry, this time from predominantly Tory voters, which killed off the poll tax.

Homeowners in London and the South East are still likely to be outraged to see their homes valued for the purposes of the council tax at April 1991 price levels, often much higher than the present market value. Although some of that can be

Olympic sketch

Atlanta prepares for action replay

covered the Games before. but I had forgotten how colossal the experience

I walked into the athletes village that day. Chinese la-dies six-and-a-half feet high midgets as broad as they are tall athletes mov-ing with that curious slouching shuffling walk you see only among the hyperfit. Everywhere, 2 sense of expectation. Thou-sands of them: and each and every person was pre-paring for the most impor-tant day of his or her life. The village was a boiling pan of tensions and hopes. Three weeks later, all ten-sion and all hope had gone.

Only triumph and disaster remained. But for the ob-server, there is a collection of images unrelated, flash-ing, bewildering and unfor-

We could start with the Chinese diver, Fu Minxia, standing on the high plat-form with all Barcelona spread out below. As grandiloquent Olympic images go, this was hard to beat. Then there was Ian Stark.

attacking the cross country course with the wonderful grey horse, Murphy Him-self, If you think Olympic athletes are no longer as modest in triumph as indespair, and as generous in defeat as in victory, then I suggest you spend a day among the Olympic threeday eventers.

The only competitor that showed more grace under pressure than Murphy was Swetlana Bouginskaya, the Belorussian gymnast with the haunted face the only woman in woman's gym-nastics. She won nothing— at 19 she is past it—but if you sought grace amid the tumbling pixies, you found it with Bouginskaya.

As ever, though, it was athletics that produced the highest concentration of vivid images. Linford Christie's face in that 100 metres final: I have just seen the slo-mo again, and I swear he did not blink once between gun and finish.

The uproar of the men's 10,000 metres was spectacular, but at least I was able to cheer the Kenyan onetwo-three in the steeplechase. There are many brittle-tempered, angry and sulky athletes in track and fuld: if you think these qualities are essential for

Day one in Barcelona, success, a talk with the gen-and a sense of vertigo the mannered, self-effacing overwhelmed me. I had victors in the Kenya camp

will disabuse you.

The women provided the greatest moments: the due! in the marathon, the all-African duel in the 10,000 metres, and at the last, the pounding victory of Has-siba Boulmerka in the 1.500 metres. Her airpunching, blazing triumph remains perhaps the stron-gest visual memory of all. I have got this far and I

still have not mentioned the Dream Team, the American basketball milionaires. Shame on me! For these people provided some of the most boring. swanking, showboating sport in the Games, and what is more, they sym-bolised the greatest danger to the Games themselves.

No. not professionalism I mean Americanism. Effortless dominance: a tedious procession from one easy, footling triumph to

The US finished second in the medals table behind the so-called Unified Team: a misnomer if ever there was one. This team, the dying embers of the Soviet Sporting Machine, was set to fall apart the moment the flame was extended New time the tinguished. Next time, the Games will be very

Even this year, there was an increasing tendency to cheer, as a placky under-dog, absolutely anybody who lined up against America. The Olympics are no longer East v West, democracy v Marxism, nice ordinary chaps against horrid faceless; monsters. The idealogical contents they been shifted.

The Olympics are now the US v the Rest of the World And the Rest of the World cheered its athletes on: Japanese, Africans. Brits, Germans, Cubans. Koreans, Ukrainians, Latvians, Croatians, Russians.

America is dominant as never before: nor am I talk-ing simply about sport. And never has the rest of the world been so ready to cheer anyone who might dent the complacency of America. I am not only talk-ing about the Dream Team, either, nor about the Games. How much more will this be true by the time of the Games in Atlanta?

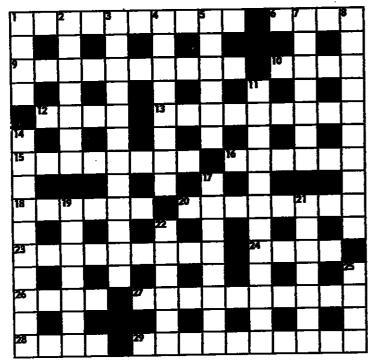
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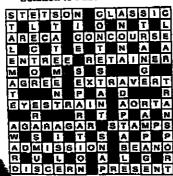


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- 9 Local rapist hard to extract information from (6.4). 10 Live ammunition originally got
- from range (4). 12 In between pretty and senti-
- 13 Entertainment once provided by the box (5-4).
- 15 Belabour idler (8). 16 Stole to give money to loved one
- 18 Melody from second suite (6).
- 20 Presumptuous spirit (8). 23 Mates with dignified old German noble (9).

Solution to Puzzle No 18.993



24 After starting, drain the jug (4). 26 A day outside (4).

27 Old Presbyterian brings witches before the king (10). Creature, we hear, quite unlike a

Pobble? (4). 29 The plant to cultivate in a monastery (10).

respect (6).

Mysterious source of information on unknown spot (4). Motorists turn up abroad, look-

ing for a bit of spice (7). 3 Traces form of card game to

Henchard's place (12). I'm umpire, struggling to estab-lish absolute authority (8). 5 Boyfriend finally forfeits right to

7 Gives publicity to trendy highflyer (7). 8 Man moves eastward to find sources (4-6).

11 The pill? (8.4). 14 Brief news dispatch on the meaning of critical situation (5-5).

17 Frame Irish nationalist (8). 19 Free from spell (7). 21 Sloth has its moment (7).

22 Enjoy most of the Welsh rarebit. 25 Was its vicar an ass? (4).

Concise Crossword, page 7 Life & Times section

WARD WATERDAY A daily safari through the language jungle. Which definitions are correct?

By Philip Howard a. To shake, rattle, but not roll b. A cobbler c. The herring guil

FRASS NEPOPHILE

CARUS a. A boy friend b. A deep sleep c. A Greek from Asia Minor

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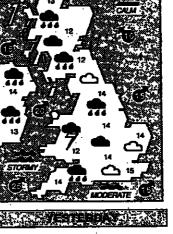
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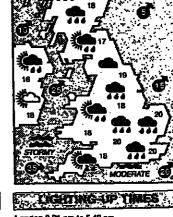
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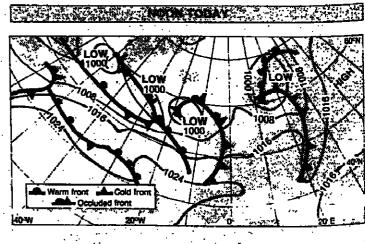
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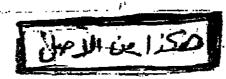




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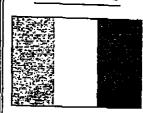
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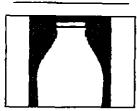


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Business and household bills to fall

BT expected to concede Oftel price demands

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Telecom is expected to acquiesce to a tough new price control regime today after two months of thorny negotia-tions with Oftel, the telecommunications watchdog.

The telephone company has undertaken in principle to keep price increases at 7.5 per cent below the rate of inflation for the next five years. If the rate of inflation stays low - at present it is below 4 per cent the formula will need severe cost-cutting or real price cuts to implement. BT has also conceded a package of constraints that should result in real falls in household, as well as busi-

Last night, negotiators were still working on the fine print of the agreement, but BT appeared optimistic that a deal could be completed in time for

an announcement today. City analysts are confident BT can continue to push up dividends by 8 per cent a year despite the new regime. But there will be no let-up in BT's massive job-shedding programme. The company expects to cut staff by 35,000 to 175,500, in the year to endMarch 1993. A further 45,000 jobs will be axed in the subsequent three years. By 1996. BT's staff will comprise about 130,000 people.

The continuing job shedding will be the most obvious sign of BT's struggle to achieve the efficiency improve-ments necessary to make price cuts while maintaining the growth in earnings. However, they also reflect the benefits of BT's huge investment programme. New digital exchanges, more use of optical fibre and efficiency savings in operator services have also enabled it to shed staff.

Because of the new price controls, the benefits should be widely spread, helping other British businesses to contain costs as well as lowering

But BT is likely to argue that growth of competition will be slowed by the refusal of Oftel's director general, Bill Wigglesworth, to countenance substantial rises in rentals for domestic lines. It is also likely to seek to recover more revenue from its fledgeling rivals.

BT remains convinced there is an "access deficit", caused

Lending data signal sluggish demand

By Anatole Kaletsky, economics editor

NEW credit advanced to consumers by banks, finance companies and credit card issuers. increased by £4.6 billion in June, the biggest monthly rise since last summer. New credit card lending, at £2.7 billion. was particularly strong, eras-ing the setback suffered between April and May.

In the three months to June, new credit card lending was 3.4 per cent higher than in the previous quarter, while total new credit agreements were

up 1.7 per cent. But the higher level of new borrowing was more than offset by loan repayments, result-ing in a £55 million fall in the total amount outstanding under consumer credit agreements. The net repayment of consumer debt in June was the second highest on record, after a £104 million repayment in December 1991. In May, the corresponding figure showed a £68 million increase in

outstanding debt. The net increase in consumer credit in the three months to

June was £39 million, against £120 million the previous quarter. Apart from a record fall of £104 million in outstanding credit reported for the final quarter of 1991, the latest quarter's £39 million increase was the lowest since

The figures for net lending published by the Central Statistical Office yesterday were calculated on a new basis, designed to reflect more accurately the amount of debt repaid by consumers, rather than written off by lenders. The revisions, which brought the CSO's figures closer to the Bank of England's money and lending statistics, showed higher net lending to consumers than the old figures. Calculated on the old basis, June's net repayment was £135 million, after a net repayment of £19 million in May.

The mixed pattern of consumer credit was generally interpreted in the City as another sign of sluggish conby households that make little use of the phone and pay too little in line rental charges. Oftel insists line rentals cannot be seen in isolation, since it is in BT's interest to encourage the widest possible access to the network

It is also in BT's interest not to understate the cost of providing local connections, since even now this remains the part of its business least touched by competition. However, competition for domestic users is rapidly developing in some cities, raising a new area of conflict to be addressed by Oftel. Mercury Communications

part of Cable and Wireless and the cable television companies that also provide telephone services, are forced to pay fees to BT for the part of each call that passes over BT's telephone network. Mercury applied to Oftel in June for help in winning better terms for its interconnect agreement with BT. Efforts to negotiate a new commercial agreement between the two companies appear to have stalled.

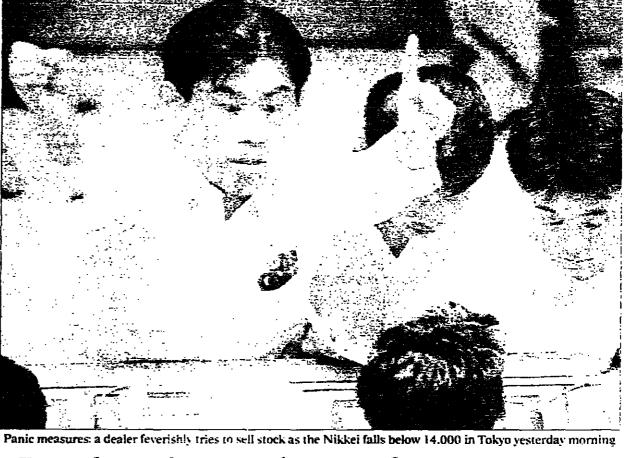
Oftel's demand that BT set up its long-distance call business as a separate accounting unit is designed to allow a clearer assessment of the costs of providing local calls. That should ease Oftel's task as the regulator strives to settle differences between the two sides.

But many of the difficulties that rivals complain of relate to the design of BT's network, rather than simply price of

Although Mercury was established to compete with BT more than eight years ago, BT still commands 93 per cent of Britain's telephone market overall. The outcome of the access dispute will be no less important than the battle over the new price cap. For the terms of the access agreement are likely to dictate the pace at which a truly competitive telecoms market emerges to replace regulation as a way of constraining prices.

Under the new price regime, which comes into effect in August 1993, the maximum charge is inflation minus 7.5 per cent, against inflation minus 6.25 per cent under existing arrangements. This price cap will cover local, trunk and international calls.

The agreement is also expected to limit increases for all other prices in switched services to the level of growth of the retail prices index, to prevent BT loading charges on to the least competitive



London shares slump after market collapses in Tokyo

By Michael Tate in London and Joanna Pitman in Tokyo

SHARE prices in London are back at their lowest levels since the Gulf war ended, after the FT-SE 100 share index fell 24.4 points to 2,325.7

yesterday.
In dipping below 2.350, the index fell through a key strategic level, according to stock market chartists, who now believe it could sink as low as 2.150. Most of yesterday's fall came in the first hour as market-makers responded to another slide in Tokyo, where the Nikkei average closed 451.93 lower at 15,066,34.

But once again the London market's fall came against a background of very little business. Fewer than 400 million shares changed hands, as the general lack of interest was exacerbated by the absence on holiday of many dealers. More than a quarter of the

fall, on the first day of a new account, was attributed to shares going ex-dividend. such as ICI, BAT. Rank Organisation and the clearing banks. Equity strategists remain convinced some recovery will be seen by the year-end. although its size is in dispute. By then, a number of im-

ponderables will hopefully be resolved. Current uncertainties such as the close-running French vote on Maastricht. the direction of German interest rates and Wall Street's performance are weighing heavily on the London market.

Michael Saunders, at Salomon Brothers, feels prices are "still too high", warning of further profit downgradings for 1993. "Institutions are still overbought in equities," he said, but he was not prepared to forecast a further sharp fall. "I expect the market to move broadly sideways."

Nick Knight, at Nomura International, is more pessimistic. "Our downside target is 2,150, although we are still forecasting 2,500 for the end of the year. We are moving inexorably towards a sterling crisis. The government should put up interest rates - but we know that they won't".

Between 70 and 80 per cent of UK equities are held by institutions, compared with about 50 per cent in America. and 20 per cent in Germany. Overseas investors are concerned that any kind of sterling devaluation would see a percentage of their assets evaporate overnight.

businessmen and brokers joined the waves of traffic jams crawling out of town for Japan's annual three-day summer break, the selfless minions who had dudfully volunteered to man the phones in the office in what is usually the quietest week of the year, wished they

had not The Nikhei nose-dived to below 14,000 at one point during the morning, and only clambered back above 15,000 in a technical rebound during the afternoon.

Hoards of bears lumbered off to tinker with their market forecasts, extending the market's anticipated period of "highly damaging volatility" into September and October, and some of Tokyo's dwindling numbers of jaundiced bulls were considering joining the bears and pushing back their forecast economic recov-

ery dates well into 1993. "Over the next few months we cannot expect any good news or any good statistics," said Yoshihisa Kitai, an economist at the Long Term Credit Bank. "The prospects are for volatility and a poor performance on the stock market for the rest of this year and possibly into next year," he said, adding vesterday's market collapse was due not to any par-

ticularly damaging statistic or

event but a growing malaise resulting from the market's gradual digestion of the econ-

omy's fundamental weakness. 'Capital investment and demand in the housing sector are weak and the financial sector is in trouble. Most Japanese businessmen are worried about prospects for recovery in 1993 and a lew even about 1994," he said. As the Bank of Japan main-

tained a conspicuous silence,

Koichi Kato, chief cabinet secretary, tried to reassure the markets yesterday lunchtime. describing the market's morning performance as "regretta-ble" and repeating his hope that a fiscal package, planned for late August and designed to reinvigorate the economy. will have the desired effect. While everyone hopes this will bring a restoration of confidence, the relentless day by day problems on the stock exchange are larring nerves. "The financial sector suffers more every time the Nikkei drops. The system must defend the 14,000 level this time," said Hiroshi Ichihashi, a director at Kleinwort Benson International in Tokyo.

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Rules on flotation relaxed

By NEIL BENNETI BANKING CORRESPONDEN

THE Stock Exchange has confirmed it is flexible about requirements for florations after the collapse in public demand for recent new issues The exchange's rules state any share flotation worth more than £30 million must include a public offer for sale. An exchange spokeswoman in some cases. "We are flexible and we have to take account of

market conditions," she said. The move has been prompted by quotations department concern at the low demand for recent public offers. A big part of issues like The Telegraph and Anglian Group has been left with underwriters.

The quotations department has already allowed some recent issuers to place a high proportion of stock with instinations. Now it says it is prepared to allow an entire issue to be placed provided there is a clawback arrangement for private investors.

"We have to ensure there is a proper spread of investors." the exchange said. The vellow book on listing requirements allows rules to be related in unusual circumstances.

Polygram buys in Hollywood

By Martin Waller

ness 80 per cent owned by Holland's Philips electronics group, is expanding its fastgrowing film arm by taking a controlling 51 per cent stake in Interscope, a Hollywood film producer, for \$35 million. Recent hits by Interscope, currently owned by Ted Field, a well-established Hollywood producer who will receive the bulk of the money, have included Cocktail, featuring Tom Cruise, Three Mon and A Baby and the hit thriller Hand that Rocks the Cradle.

starring Rebecca de Mornay as a psychopathic nanny.

Mr Field and Robert Cort.

the Interscope president, are POLYGRAM, the music busialso signing a five-year service agreement to stay with the venture. They are currently completing a series of projects with the Disney studio, but future developments, comprising eight films over the next two years rising to nine or ten by 1997, will be carried out innouse.

Interscope has specialised in medium-budget commercial movies, avoiding both art house movies and huge blockbusters, a policy that will continue. The venture is the biggest yet for Polygram's film side, which has concentrated in the past on distribution.







De Mornay: cash spinner

In Tokyo, where bankers.

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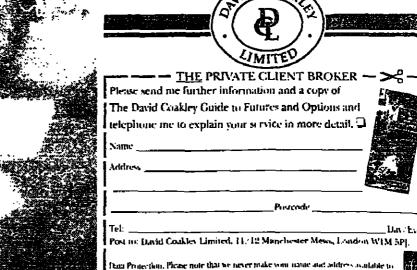
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Senior management put on the couch

By Angela Mackay

CONSIDER this scenario. An investment group is trying to decide whether to tend millions of pounds to finance a management buyout. Because of the fingering recession, the decision will affect the profits of lender and borrower. so whether the buyout team has the skills to make the deal work in these straitened times is a key consideration.

Enter LabWick Psychological Assessments, a small consultancy, which will provide in-depth assessments of managers to try to discover whether they have the bottle to succeed. Dr Stasiu Labuc, one of the principals, says it is vital to determine if managers can make the transition from one role to another without the business suffering. "Many investors will not put up the venture capital unless there has been adequate assessment.

Similarly, more companies are having staff psychologically assessed before making senior foreign appointments. which involve hefty relocation costs."

About 60 per cent of LabWick's clients are banks and investment companies seeking to make board appointments. The company claims its assessment process is "gender and culture fair" and has been designed by the directors psychologists and psychiatrists.

LabWick emphasises its assessments are psychological and thus do not rely on psychometries - the new fashion of carcers and aptitude testing. Dr Labuc says companies want to know a subject's psychology, including emotional stability, ability to cope with stress, leadership and management style, adaptability, motivations, limitations and strengths. Managers from different countries have different expectations. LabWick has

found British managers seem to prefer consensus management, with interminable meetings. Americans have a more robust approach and tend to transform work into a lifestyle, while the Japanese are expectations led and less flexible in their approach to decision making. Companies are also more concerned

about a candidate's ability to maintain

confidentiality. The growing incidence of white-collar crime and the potential divulgence of commercially sensitive information have led to the development of intensive assessment methods to determine a candidate's overall integrity. Selection of the best candidate is up to the company, but as Dr Labuc says: "Nature gave us two ends - one to think with and one to sit on and success or failure

usually depends on which you use most". Leading article, page 11

ICI demerger just above market value

By GEORGE SIVELL

SG WARBURG, ICI's broker, has set a premliminary value for the planned demerger at just a little above the present market value. Warburg estimates ICI and ICI Bio when demerged

should have a combined market capitalisation of between £8.4 billion and £9.6 billion against yesterday's market val-ue of £7.99 billion at a share price of £1 1.20. The high since

WestLB goes against trend with 25% rise

By Wolfgang Münchau

WESTDEUTSCHE Landesbank, one of Germany's largest banks, has defied a downward trend in the German banking sector with a 25.3 per cent rise in first-half group operating profits to DM584 million.

Partial operating profits, which excluded own-trading and are thus a more reliable indicator of the underlying business, still rose by 24 per cent to DM470 million.

WestLB, based in Düsseldorf, is best known in Britain for its half stake in Chartered WestLB, an Anglo-German joint venture merchant bank. Friedel Neuber, WestLB's chief executive, said the profit growth was particularly evident in the mainstream credit

the demerger announcement was £11.72 on August 3. The broker says ICI Bio should be valued on a low pharmac-cutical rating of about 17 times 1992 earnings. This produces a minimum of £8.30 a share, or £5.9 billion, to £9.25 a share or £6.6 billion.

Warburg thinks ICI Bio could make £524 million pre-tax in 1992 and £585 million in 1993. The bulk of profits. £520 million in 1992, would come from the pharmaceutical division with £95 million from seeds and £50 million from specialties. This gives a trad-ing profit of £665 million before apportioning an inter-est charge of £141 million in proportion to the trading profit of the present ICI.

The nump of ICI, paints, explosives, materials and industrial is valued at between £3.50 and £4.25 a share producing a market value of between £2.5 billion and £3 billion. The chemical half of ICI is expected to make £216 million in 1992 and £381 million in 1993. ICI directors emphasised the demerger was a "business move". The valuations may be complicated by issuing extra shares to raise cash for ICI Bio.

☐ Hanson, the Anglo-American conglomerate which created a stir by taking a 2.8 per cent stake in ICI last year, denied it was considering a demerger, split of operations or changing its UK domicile after weekend reports that it was looking at options to boost



Time to concentrate on core businesses: Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of TSB

TSB sells HK offshoot for £15m

BY NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE TSB Group is continuing to dispose of its non-core businesses by selling Wallem, a shipping services company in Hong Kong, to a consor-tium of investors for £15 million.

The principal buyer is Caledonia Investments, the Cayzer family's investment vehicle. which is paying £13.75 million for an 81 per cent stake. The other investors are AJ Hardy, Seattle Shipping and

Wallem's management. Caledonia's investment is one of a series made from the proceeds of a preference share issue from British & Commonwealth, the collapsed financial services group. The invest-ment is a mixture of debt and

equity and limits Caledonia's voting stake to 26 per cent. TSB, chaired by Sir Nicholas Goodison, inherited Wallem when it bought Hill Samuel in 1987. In the year to last October, the company made a pre-tax profit of £3.1 million, with net assets of £8.2

A spokesman for TSB said the bank was happy with the price but it would not have a material impact on its overall

TSB has been shedding non-core assets for the last two years to concentrate on its main banking and insurance

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Tuskar halted on **USM** after sell-off

By Rodney Hobson

LONG-SUFFERING shareholders in Tuskar Resources, the Irish oil exploration group, may now be regretting their rejection of a takeover bid three months ago. Tuskar's shares were suspended on the Unlisted Securities Market yesterday, after the company sold its last remaining business. That means shareholders can no longer sell in the market for 1p a share and it makes the takeover bid from Coplex Resources, an Austra-lian exploration company.

look generous at 1.78p. Tuskar will soon own only cash and shares, which means that it does not satisfy stock. market criteria for remaining on the USM. It is selling Ardmore Petroleum, its 100 per cent owned subsidiary and holder of its remaining 36 per cent interest in its Colombian licences, to Coplex for 11 million Coplex shares or A\$7.15 million (£2.76 million) in cash, payable in August 1993. The cash alternative values at 65 Australian cents Australian cents.

If Coplex chooses to pay cash, Tuskar has the right to insist on taking half the pay-ment in Coplex shares and half in cash. Tuskar had already agreed to sell a 54 per cent interest in the Colombian licences to Coplex. That agrement, signed in April, has been modified. The Irish company saw its share reach 86p in 1990, but this March it was having difficulty raising £1.5 million to meet its drilling commitments and was attempting to gain more time from the Colombian government

Gleeson statement on shares halts price dive

THE dramatic fall in the shares of M. J. Gleeson, the Surrey-based builder, has finally stung the board into a defensive statement. It says the fall merely brings the shares more into

statement. It says the fall merely brings the shares more into line with other construction and property companies after it outperformed the sector in the first half. It said it knew of no other factor and pointed out that trading had been thin.

Shares in the sector started to slide in mid May and the FT Contracting and Construction index has almost halved since. Gleeson's shares held steady at around 900p to mid June, but a fall gathered momentum over the past two weeks with a drop from 850p to below 600p. The statement steadled nerves and Gleeson ended 50p up at 633p.

Huntingdon slips

HUNTINGDON International, the biological safety testing and engineering services group, made pre-tax profits of £3.2 million (£4.8 million) in the three months to end-June on turrover of £39.1 million (£32.5 million). Earnings per share were 0.004(0.042p). There is no dividend (nil). Pre-tax profits in the nine months to end-June are £10.1 million (£12.1 million) on turrower of £100 5 million (£28.5 million). The million) on turnover of £109.5 million (£88.5 million). The turnover rise reflects the inclusion of Travers Morgan, a professional services provider bought in December. Net income reflects lower interest income and a higher tax rate.

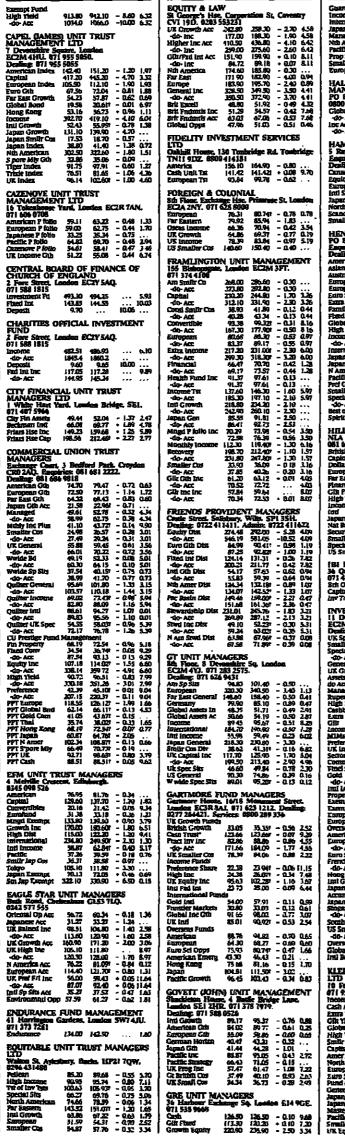
Seacon steams ahead

SEACON Holdings, the shipping and transportation group, lifted pre-tax profits 47 per cent to £1.05 million (£717,000) in the six months to end-March on turnover of £9.5 million in the six months to end-match of this or 15.5 million). Fully diluted earnings per share were 6.88p (4.67p) and there is an interim dividend of 2p (1.5p) a share. Subject to unforesten circumstances, a final dividend of not less than 3p (2.7p) a share will be recommended. The rise in profits was attributed to adjustments to the size of the Seacon fleet and more efficient positioning of vessels.

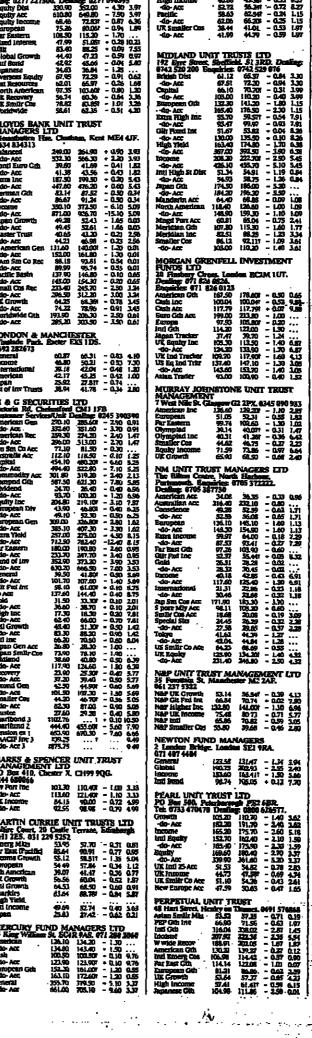
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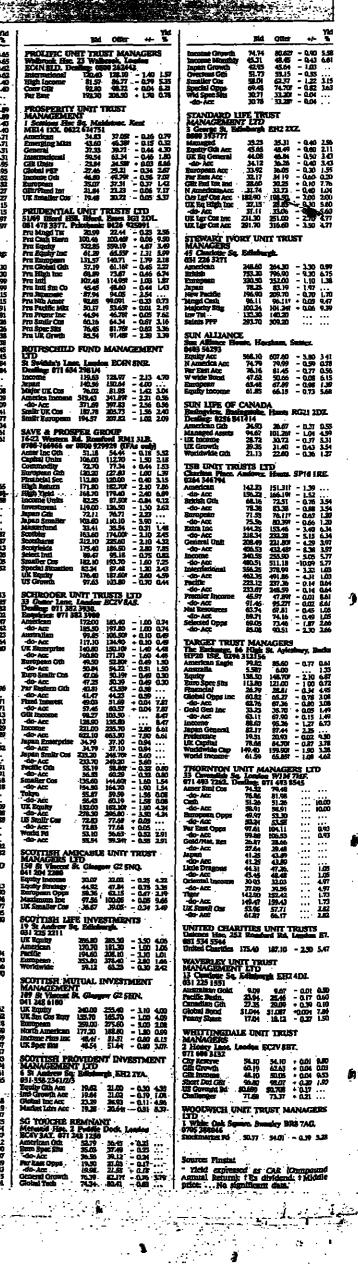
EVERED Bardon, the aggregates group, has found a replacement for John Ford, the former finance director who resigned in May. William McGrath is joining from Norwest Holst, a French-owned construction group, where he has been finance director and acting managing director. Mr Ford, an acquisitions specialist, resigned when Evered signalled consolidation after rapid expansion. Mr McGrath spent six years in the corporate finance departments of Kleinwort Benson and Lloyds Merchant Bank.

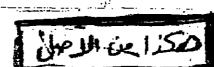
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Computer hiccup hits NatWest's gold card

BY LINDSAY COOK MONEY EDITOR

NATIONAL Westminster Bank has overcharged up to 250,000 of its better customers thanks to a new improved computer system. The custom-ers are the bank's gold card

To qualify for the Gold Plus Service, customers should have an income of at least £25,000 a year, pay £80 for the card and expect the best from the bank. Unfortunately, a letter dispatched by the manager customer relations, last week, shows that they could have suffered a series of errors since a change in computer systems in mid-July. The new First Data Re-

sources software was intended to help catch fraudsters but it seems to have caused big problems for NatWest and lesser ones for the gold card and credit card customers of Lloyds and Midland

NatWest explained that customers might have been charged interest or a late payment charge when these were not due, or the charges might have been higher than the correct interest. Cash advance fees may have appeared in error on statements and delays may have been experienced in collecting direct debits. In addition, items applied before July 20 may have had a

wrong transaction date.
The letter says: "If any erroneous late payment charges, interest charges or cash advance fees are displayed on your statement, correcting entries will be passed to your account shortly. Please accept our apologies for any inconve-

Midland and Lloyds admitted to some minor problems.

Sell-off will split Milk Marketing Board in two

By RODNEY HOBSON

THE Milk Marketing Board will be split in two when it is privatised over the next two years, according to details released yesterday. But dairy farmers will end up owning both parts of the privatised operation.

The board has held a monopoly on milk supplies in England and Wales for 59 years. It is writing to all 29,000 dairy farmers to ask them to join a voluntary cooperative that will pool milk supplies for sale to creameries and dairies "at the best possible prices for farmers".

Dairy Crest, the commercial arm that sells a fifth of the milk delivered to doorsteps, will be floated on the Stock Exchange after shares are distributed to the farmers.

The proposals have taken two years to prepare. A bill to wind up the board's monopoly is expected this autumn and it should be on the statute book by next summer. But the milk industry does not expect the new co-operative to take over

until the next spring.

The Scottish and Northern Ireland milk boards will also announce plans to convert from statutory bodies to co-op-eratives. The shake-up prompted a previous board warning about dearer British cheese and butter, though it said a pint of milk should cost the same as the present doorstep price of 35p-37p. But the board insists consumers will benefit from secure supplies of milk and a wide choice of fresh dairy products such as yoghurt and fromage frais. "The basis of our proposals is a free market for milk, within which individual dairy farmers will be able to develop strong, indepen-dent businesses," Bob Steven, chairman, said.

The announcement was greeted with some scepticism by Dairy Crest's rivals.

Chris Haskins, chairman of Northern Foods, said: "The board will be converted from a stantory monopoly to a volun-tary monopoly. How is that going to make the supply of milk more competitive? At least with a statutory monopoly there is some protection for the consumer. Now there will be no protection at all."

He said Northern Foods. which this year expanded by buying Express Dairies and Eden Vale from Grand Metropolitan, wanted to negotiate direct with its own suppliers.

That would still leave competition because farmers could choose which milk delivery company they wanted to sup-

The milk delivery business highly competitive with supermarkets taking sales from doorstep deliveries and using their buying muscle to hold down the price they pay. Other rivals to Dairy Crest are the Co-operative societies. Unigate and Clifford Foods.



Keith Bradshaw, chairman of Takare, the rapidly expanding private nursing home group, with residents at the Manor Court Nursing Home, Southall, Middlesex. The company continued its success with

a near-doubling of pre-tax profits in the six months to the end of June. Takare, which started life under the Business Expansion Scheme six years ago, boosted its profit before tax by 89 per cent to £5.63 million.

compared with £2.99 million in the same period last year. Turnover was £21.1 million, against £12.4 million last time. Earnings rise to 5.7p (4.3p). There is an interim dividend

of 0.6p (0.5p). Tempus, page 18

come managing director of Watches of Switzerland, a role

he already fills at Mappin &

Webb. Yesterday he explained

his plans for Asprey's most

recent acquisition. "Mappin &

Webb had lost its way a little

bit under Ratner's ownership. We revitalised it. Now we plan

to do the same with Watches of

magnificent name. It does not

take away business from other

parts of the group at all. If it is

run properly it could expand

"Watches of Switzerland is a

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Attallah sparkles in Asprey reorganisation

NAIM Attallah, publisher of the Literary Review and author of such works as Women and Singular Encounters, is moving up to become chief executive at Asprey, the prestigious jeweller, where he has been managing director since

Mr Attallah's promotion comes as part of a corporate restructuring of Asprey, which in recent years has expanded far beyond its landmark Bond Street shop.

Two months ago, Asprey paid £24 million for Watches

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of Switzerland, which it bought from Ratners, while two years ago it paid Sears £75 million for Mappin & Webb and Garrard, the Crown jeweller.

Other recent acquisitions include Hamilton & Inches, the Edinburgh jeweller. From September, the Bond

Street shop will be run by a new subsidiary. Asprey (Bond Street) which, alongside the group's other trading companies, will be owned by, and report to, Asprey, the holding company for the whole group.

John Asprey will continue as executive chairman of the holding company and will also chair Asprey (Bond Street), with Mr Attallah as his deputy. Mr Asprey controls 51 per cent of the voting rights of

Asprey shares.
After the reorganisation, four main board directors, including Edward Asprey, the chairman's cousin, will resign from the company. But all four will immediately be appointed to the board of Asprey

(Bond Street). Mr Attallah is also to be-

promises to peg dividend

Henlys

Henlys, the motor dealer that is the subject of a £23.1 million takeover bid from T Cowie, promised to maintain this year's dividend. Cowie said it had acceptances from 0.7 per cent of Henlys' shareholders. The offer is extended to this

Friday. Henlys forecasts that pretax losses this year will be £900,000, against the £6.81 million lost in 1991. The interim dividend for the six months to June 30 is held at Ip and the group pledges to maintain the final at 2p. Tempus, page 18

Aerospace cuts

McDonnell Douglas, the American aerospace group, is to cut its six companies to two and axe 1.000 more jobs by next year. Job cuts already announced total almost 6,000. The company has been squeezed by US defence cuts and by loss of share in the commercial aircraft market.

Cannon sale

Cannon Street Investments, a moubled mini-conglomerate. has sold Pearl Contracts, a supplier of building maintenance services. The buyer is Bimec Industries, which paid 3.25 million of its own shares. Yesterday's share price was 19½p. valuing the transaction at £633,750.

Power pay

The pay of David Morris, chairman of Northern Electricity, increased by 17 per cent, to £166,000, in the year to March 31. Northern's pretax profits rose from a pro forma £69.3 million to £98.2

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GOVERNMENT securities | 1007 experienced another extre ly quiet day, which one de summed up as "fairly co tose". The gilt futures m

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Sales and income fell as a result of the diffi-cult situation in the consumer electronics from last year to 1 255 million in 1992. This market, despite a satisfactory performance consumer and out other businesses. This difficult sales is yet and industrial electronics in the first six months of 1992, seles in the

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Sales in the Miscellaneous sector rose by 8% on a comparable basis, income from operations increased from 1.73 million to 1.108 million, income not attributable to a specific product sector amounted to 1.157 million compared with 1.44 million last year. The f 115 million drop in income from un-

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Shares slide to fresh lows in new account

new account with a slide as the continued doom and gloom gripping the UK economy pushed shares to fresh lows for 1992 and their lowest since the end of the Gulf War.

Recurring fears about the economy and the weak pound kept investors on the sidelines. Shares drifted lower as any hope of dinging to the 2,350 level was washed away by a wave of bearish sentiment in

Granada Group lost 10p to 23 1p after County NatWest turned negative on the company. After a review, County's Mark Finnie said the shares were over-valued by about 33p from yesterday's start. He said the success of BSkvB. in which Granada has 12 per cent, might be to the detriment of Channel 3.

the form of gloomy economic prospects, weak futures and declines in overseas stock

A heavy overnight fall in Tokyo, where the Nikkei fell another 450 points to a new six-year low, depressed the market early on, while weak September futures dragged the cash market even lower, Volumes again remained at depressingly low levels and

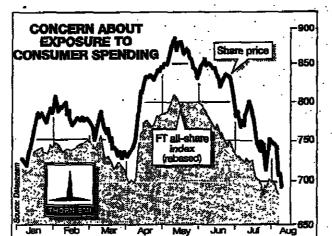
traders continued to keep tight books.

The latest consumer credit figures disappointed in some quarters, while companies going ex-dividend, exacerbated the decline, accounting for about seven points of the fall in the FT-SE index. Ex-dividend stocks sporting declines included heavyweights such as Bardays, down 20p to 304p, Lloyds, 7p easier at 367p. ICI. 25p lower at £11.20, BAT Industries, 27p weaker at 710p, and Rank Organis-

With the market sliding below various chart support levels, some are now talking fairly seriously about a pos-sible fall to the next support level of 2,150. One dealer, concerned about prospects as volume again failed to pick up despite shares prices drifting lower, voiced his fears about a possible wave selling. "We're not at the crossroads yet, but there is a danger people may decide to go liquid," he said.

ation, down 25p to 550p.

A negative start on Wall Street did not help sentiment in London, although the FT-SE 100 index rallied to trim its deficit before the close, ending with a fall of 24.4 to 2.325.7. having been down 32.1 points at one stage. The index has now lost more than 400 points since its all-time high of 2,737.8 in May. The narrow er FT index of 30 shares dived



21.5 to 1,731.8. Volume could only reach a miserable 331 million shares. The atrocious equity volumes reflected the reluctance of fund managers to take a positive view at the start of a new two-week account which is likely to contain

more gloomy economy news. Roger Palmer, chief investment strategist at Kleinwort Benson, said: "The real problem is simply the absence of any visible catalyst which in the next month will turn the market around. There are still a lot of funds with cash and the market is very cheap, but there is little to be gained in being a hero." Mr Palmer thinks a year-end FT-SE of 2.850 is still attainable but only if everything positive falls

into place. British Airways provided one of the few bright. spots, the shares attracting a few buyers and climbing 7p to 261p ahead of today's firstquarter figures. Analysts predict a sharp jump in profits to between £70 million and £100

Shares in Thorn EMI, the music and entertainment group, lost 16p to 696p after Societe Generale Strauss Turnbull reiterated its "sell" stance and circulated an internal note advising that the stock was overpriced.

"We're still very cautious on the stock. We said it was too expensive at 870p and we haven't changed our view despite the price reductions," said John Tysoe of SGST.

Against the trend General Accident, which today kicks off the composite insurers' interim reporting season, gained 10p to 390p, boosted by speculators closing their short positions and optimistic talk that the figures could herald a return to the black. Elsewhere in the sector, Royal Insurance eased 2p to 165p and Commercial Union. which reports tomorrow, up

Evered Bardon added 3p to 30p after news that the quarry products group had beefed up its board with the appointment of William McGrath as finance director was accompanied by a "buy" note from Carr Kitcat & Aitken.

More gloomy surveys on the housing and property sector did little to help the already much-battered sector. Among the losers Brixton Estates lost 5p. to 126p, Great Portland 4p to 96p, Greycoat 3p to 192p and MEPC 4p to 223p as Kleinwort Benson downgraded its net asset values for the property sector: Financial sectors also took a

tumble as the market malaise saw again business levels slump to a trickle. SG Warburg fell 19p to 421p, while Smith New Court dipped 3p

The credit figures knocked the retail and consumer sectors. Among the losers Boots eased 3p to 421p, Dumbill 10p to 374p, GUS 'A' 41p to £13.23, Marks and Speacer 3p to 300p and Storehouse 3p to 119p.A report on Loarho's Libyan connection dipped 4p from the shares to 76p, while Trafalgar House 'A' reversed an early fall to end lp firmer at 58p.

☐ New York — Blue chips

were little changed in choppy late morning trade after recovering from an earlier decline.

Hotel and leisure issues took a tumble, after reports of discounting. Shares in Airtours were nervous, losing 7p to 220p, while Owners Abroad slipped 4p to 69p as travel firms offered August price cuts. Elsewhere in the sector, reports of Blackpool's transport difficulties unsettled First Leisure, down 7p to 241p.

The Dow Jones industrial average was two points lower at 3,331 compared with a session low of 3316.78. In the broad market losing issues led winners four to three on volume of 45 million. Analysis attributed the rebound partly to an oversold condition but warned not to expect any major rally.

PHILIP PANGALOS

TEMPUS

Henlys unveils its formula for race against Cowie

FOR a company that has, the current year. Henlys is some might say, little to defend, Henlys Group has made a fair job of the defence since T Cowie launched its hostile offer in June.

Defenders of contested takeover bids routinely accuse the bidder of opportunism. but the accusation looks justified in this case. Cowie's allshares bid came only days after Henlys warned the market of first-half losses.

Expected interim losses of £900,000 have duly materialised. Yesterday's defence document should contain all the material evidence that Henlys can put forward in its favour. A harsh cost-cutting pro-gramme already in train when the hid was launched will bring forward £1.6 million of alised cost savings into

confident enough to forecast a flat result for the second half, even after £700.000 of non-repeatable consultancy fees for a corporate restructuring and, therefore, a £5.9 million improvement on the £6.81 million of pre-tax losses made in 1991.

In addition, the group's loss-making coachbuilding operation, the source of most of its problems, has announced £26 million of new orders for delivery in 1993 and 1994 and a further £15 million of exports. Sir Tom Cowie, chairman of T Cowie, has clearly done wonders to focus minds at Henlys since the loss warning that triggered the bid.

The market thinks Sir Tom will have to improve the package significantly and add some cash if he wants to win. The gap between Henlys' share price and the offer price has widened since the bid was announced; the shares are now, at 69p 912p above the current terms.

Cowie has negotiated the recession so much better than most in the motor dealers sector that it was able to knock £40 million off its debts in the first half of this year. It has until next Tuesday to raise the bid and can probably afford to do so. With just 0.7 per cent in the Cowie camp at the second closing date, the market looks justified in playing a waiting game.

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BRITISH reserve has never had an easy time coping with distasteful subjects such as companies willing to plunge in without inhibition, there is good money to be made. So it is with Takare, which

has adopted a simple approach towards caring for sick and elderly patients in its ever-expanding network of nursing homes and been rewarded with a steady rise in profits. A gain of 89 per cent in the half year alone deserves a pat on the back, even if revenues are slightly tilted in favour of the first six months,

New York (midday):



Predator: Sir Tom Cowie has focused Henlys' mind

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when more beds become available for use.

Earnings per share rise to 5.7p (4.3p) on pre-tax profits of ££5.63 million (£2.99 million) and there is an interim dividend of 0.6p (0.5p). Even

FTSE Euro 100: 1049.68 (-17.33)

cynical market watchers seem to accept that Takare has found a winning formula in eschewing the bleak, Dickensian high-rise apartments in which few would wish to end their days. Instead, elderly

people in need of constant care and patients recuperating after serious illnesses have the assurance of knowing they will be housed in ground floor rooms, in units no more than five years old. There is no shortage of demand: the main problem is one of producing enough new homes to keep up with it.

Takare seems to be comfortably meeting its target of 1,200 new beds a year. The number available or on the way is expected to top 5,700 by the year-end, spread over 190 homes in the Midlands, Scotland, the North and East

The cost of caring for highly dependent patients - typical ly £200 or £300 per patient per week - is met by health authorities or drawn from income support, and Keith Bradshaw, Takare's chairwill continue to be publicly funded well into the next century. A slight shadow is cast by plans to shift responsibility for paying from health authorities to social services departments, not always known for their efficient

administration. BZW expects profits of £11.8 million for the year, putting the shares on a prospective multiple of 15.7. The shares rose 5p to yesterday.

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Stock Exchange waives the rules

he collapse in public demand for new issues has clearly unsettled the Stock Exchange and prompted it to tinker with the rules on flotations. The exchange's ability to adapt to market conditions is heartening. Historically, the City's institutions and markets have prospered from their flevibility. This flexibility. This has allowed new products like eurobonds and derivatives to thrive and helped London to remain the dominant financial centre in Europe. The exchange's yellow book on listing requirements is a model of such flexibility. The book lays down exact rules for florations but includes an all-important waiver that the exchange will consider other marketing arrangements in appropriate circumstances.

The current recession is clearly an appropriate circumstance. Two years of recession have left private investors suffering from intense risk aversion and they have shunned many of the summer's new issues. The exchange says it will allow a new issue to be placed entirely with new institutions, provided private investors have access to the shares through a clawback. Under existing rules any issue worth more than £30 million should include a public offer. If the Stock Exchange and its members want institutions to bail out the new issue market however, they have some hard bargaining to do. Fund managers are being asked to act as quasi-underwriters. They may lose most of their allocation in a good issue and be stuck with all the stock from a less attractive offering. Leading fund managers are making it clear that they will expect a decent turn for these risks. This may include a clawback fee of up to 1 per cent of the issue and a reduced offer price. The demands from institutions will doubtless be higher for the less appealing flotations.

Brokers and their corporate clients have yet to decide whether to take this route to the market. For some it may be a welcome opening. Others may balk at the cost and wait until the private investor regains his appetite.

ICA's options

he Institute of Chartered Accountants is due to decide what action it will take regarding Coopers & Lybrand's role as auditor to the complex web of Maxwell companies. The ICA has received two reports from Imro and SIB, where each regulator gave its account of just how Robert Maxwell managed to steal more than £400 million.

The ICA has three options; it can decide to do nothing, conduct an internal investigation or hold a joint disciplinary scheme (JDS) inquiry. The first is unlikely, given the amount of money involved and the duration of Coopers' relationship with Mr Maxwell's companies. In choosing between an internal investigation or a JDS, the institute is opting to either hold the review in private or in public. For Coopers, the most important matter now is to clear the air an unequivocal manner. This would be best achieved by a JDS inquiry that would result in the publication of a full report.

Moreover, a JDS inquiry would make the Imro and SIB reports public — at least among the concerned parties - and this would be particularly handy for Coopers, which is still trying to obtain

For a matter to come under JDS scrutiny, it must be of public concern and deemed "suitable", which means complicated as far as the ICA is concerned. The Maxwell scandal meets both criteria and coincides with the institute's first cautious moves to try and open up its disciplinary proceedings and general investigations. All the omens point to the ICA grasping the nettle and holding the inquiry into Coopers's conduct in the full glare of publicity. EUROPEAN VIEW

La dolce vita is off the agenda as Italy prepares to mend its ways

Privatisation is the key to economic reform

and the government

has already notched up

initial successes, says

Wolfgang Münchau

taly is one of those countries that persistently sends misleading and gloomy signals. Ob-servers tend to misread the content of these, to exaggerate their importance and to misjudge their impact. If all past alarmist warnings had been remotely true, the state would no longer exist under its present constitution. Nor would it rank among the leading economies of the European Community.

The country does have a problem with the Mafia, and it also has a problem with the economy, but the economic problem, at least, is clearly soluble. In any case, even a fleeting visitor to the country would happily confirm that while the Italians complain about the economy, they do not complain as much as the British.

Those who in the 1980s hailed sorpasso, the claim that Italy had overtaken Britain as the world's fifth largest economy, were in essence correct, despite uncertainty over the claim's statistical validity. Italy may have high debts and high interest rates but it also has a well-educated and motivated workforce and a healthy industrial base, even though some large private sector corporations, such as Fiat, Olivetti and Pirelli, have had some difficulties, for their own reasons.

Despite continued political uncertainty after the inconclusive outcome of the general election, the new government, under Giuliano Amato, appears surprisingly determined to address some of the country's most urgent problems. Italy's economic difficulties are linked to its mad politics. The solution to political disagreement was usually to spend more money, especially on the south, however pointiess the purpose.

Government largesse over decades has led to large parts of industry being in state, or even party, hands. IRI, the main state holding, is a fieldom of the Democrazia Christiana. ENI, the energy conglomerate, is under the influence of the socialists.

Signor Amato has pledged to put the reform of such moribund structures at the top of his political agenda. and so far he has had a few remarkable successes. One of those was the agreement between the government, employers and unions to banish the scala mobile system of wage indecation, which partially pegged wage rises to the rate of inflation, thereby acting as a guarantor of persistently high inflation. Indexation was nowhere near as complete in the 1980s as in the 1970s, but stillcemented Italy's already rigid labour market. Signor Amato's main task is to reduce the debt burden, only in



High on ideals: Giuliano Amato, Italy's new prime minister, hopes to deliver economic promises too

part to meet the tough standards for the single European currency set out under the Maastricht agreement.

This year, Italy will spend the equivalent of about one tenth of its national output servicing the national debt. The primary deficit, which excludes interest payments, has been eliminated, so the remaining deficit is the legacy of past profligacy. Substantial wealth transfers from north to south distort the picture. On a regional accounting basis, the north would be in surplus, even allowing for interest payments: the position of the south would be much worse.

Solving Italy's debt problems requires a series of measures, in the short and medium term. The first and most obvious must be ordinary budgetary savings, such as the new government's recently agreed 30,000 billion lire (£14 billion) budget package, made up equally of higher taxes and spending cuts. The scope for such measures is limited, however. given the government's fragile majority. One of the most useful savings Italy could undertake is to withdraw from prestige projects such as the European fighter aircraft programme. There are several measures

the Italian government could take without having to incur unpopular social spending cuts that could risk politically unacceptable upheavals. One of the most technical but most effective would be to modernise the way deficits are funded.

On this issue, Italy compares unfavourably with Britain. In 1990, only 48 per cent of Italy's debt was issued in medium- to long-term securities, while 27 per cent of the debt was funded by three-month bills, a large proportion by international comparison.

ny short-term rise in interest rates, such as that following the Danish referendum on Maastricht, thus has a direct impact on the deficit. In other words, the German interest rates rise, and the greater the general political uncertainties elsewhere in Europe. the lower is Italy's chance of reducing its budget deficit.

The ERM discipline has also brought advantages. Inflation has fallen substantially over the years. and the final abolition of the scala mobile will yield further benefits. This opens an interesting opportunity for the government's treasury operations. Already, the Italian treasury has been moving towards issuing longer-term securities. Italy could make inroads into its interest burden, although at a considerable risk, by emulating Britan's use of indexlinked government securities, which effectively insure investors against inflation while carrying a lower rate of interest than ordinary bonds. In Britain, index-linked government securities account for about 11.7 per cent of sterling-denominated holdings.

The use of such instruments essentially forces governments to pursue a low inflation strategy or else face

Warren Oliver, European mist at Warburg, believes the use of index-linked bonds would greatly benefit Italy's credibility in financial markets. "It is the most credible action you can take if you want to emphasise that you have mended your ways. The Americans have never dared consider them. But for the Italians, it would be the ultimate thing to do. It would symbolise a clear break with the past since the implication of failure would be so horren-

dous," he says. While new ways of funding would alleviate the financial squeeze, there exists only one way to remove some of the underlying causes of the difficulties: privati-

Italy is one of the few countries of which one can say with confidence that the family silver has definitely not been sold. The state sector accounts for a quarter of fixed investment, according to estimates by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development. Privatisation would bring in necessary funds to fill the fiscal gap and inject an additional degree of private-sector

zest into the economy.
Signor Amato has backed privatisation so strongly that his govern-ment's credibility is on the line. The four largest state holdings, IRI, ENI. ENEL, the electricity supply firm. and INA, the insurance group, have been turned into joint stock companies, initially with the government as the largest shareholder.

hese four groups employ almost 700,000 staff in their myriad subsidiaries. Under government plans. private-sector participation in the holding companies will be limited to 45 per cent of the equity, but these holding companies are in turn likely to sell entire subsidiaries to reduce their debts, having been promised a free hand by the government. The next task will be to restructure the various holding groups before privatisation through mergers and demergers.

The government made one rather drastic gesture, when it allowed EFIM, one of the heavily indebted state holding companies to default on its \$4 billion of debts and go into administration, causing a small financial "crisis". With more than 100 subsidiaries, which are now being sold individually, and hence indirectly privatised, EFIM was one of the smaller state holdings and operated in a variety of sectors.

Foreign banks, which were owed about \$2 billion, were none too pleased by the Italian government's decision, and one can only hope EFIM will not serve as a model for privatisation elsewhere in the economy. Although the government guaranteed the continuation of interest payments, the affair could still have reverberations on the credit rating of Italian debt. The EFIM saga shows that privati-

sation will be a complicated business. Many vested interests will be at stake, including those of western bankers who regarded lending to Italy's statecompanies as some sort of sovereign risk.

In the end, Signor Amato may still end up like many of his predecessors. high on ideals but unable to deliver. There is, however, a widespread feeling in his country that something has to give if Italy wants to participate on equal terms in Europe's premier economic league. There is nothing better to concentrate the mind than prospect of relegation into the second

Pagni waltzes to top job

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ANGLOPHILE Patrick Pagni, for the past two years chief executive of Societé Générale Strauss Turnbull, the United Kingdom Eurobond and securities house in which the French bank has a controlling stake, is turning banker again. He has landed Société Générale's top job in London, succeeding Jean Huet as head of Société Générale in the UK and manager of its Gracechurch Street branch. Huet, remaining one step ahead on the corporate ladder, has been transferred to New York as head of Société Générale in America. But Pagni, 43, born in Provence and raised in Paris - has long been groomed as one of Societé Generale's high-flyers with postings in New York, Los Angeles, and Hong Kong, and is now being upped for a top Paris job in four or five year's time. "In French thinking, this new job is really a thumbs up for what he's done in London," says one London colleague. Société Générale's links with Strauss go back to the mid-1980s. It acquired 60 per cent in 1988, the year of Pagni's arrival as an executive director. After a number of key appointments from Warburg. SGST. known as London's "Eurobond powerhouse." has also made great strides in equity research and distribution. We are not home yet, but we have achieved levels of sales and coverage of institutions with which the parent company is satisfied." Pagni



"When did you first notice this loss of consumer confidence?"

for encouraging home-grown talent, the new head of SGST in London is to be Paul Tisch, formerly executive director of equities, and with Strauss

Lady in waiting THE Royal Mint, which has just started advertising for a new £60,000-a-year deputy master, or chief executive, reporting to the "master" - or Chancellor of the Exchequer - could end up with a deputy mistress instead. Following closely from calls for a woman to become the next Governor of the Bank of England, there is, it seems, also now a suggestion that the Royal Mint. might benefit from a female presence, too. The odds are not impossible. Anthony Garrett, file retiring deputy mas-ter, was himself a break with tradition being the first noncivil servant to become chief executive. He was previously says. True to SG's reputation inaugural managing director

of the newly created free-standing Post Office Parcels and a former high-flyer at Proctor & Gamble. With the Mint - turnover £80 million - facing fierce competition for overseas business from rivals as far afield as Canada and Korea, another private sector appointment seems likely. As to a woman, a spokesman says, "It would be interesting for us as an equal opportunities employer. But no doubt the government will select the best person for the job."

Wright stuff

EX-MILITARY personnel looking for jobs after the recent swingeing defence cuts can take heart that there is life after the army, if Russell Wright is anything to go by. Wright, 54, has been appointed by Kleinwort Benson Charities to spearhead the marketing of its £250 million fund. His appointment follows 30 years in the Royal Artillery where he rose to be a lieutenant colonel. Awarded the MBE for his work with Nato, Wright also masterminded "Project Albric" when 60,000 servicemen's vehicles were given new registrations in 14 weeks after an IRA campaign in Europe. Far from. being "retired" out of the army. Wright - who has spent the past two years working for a Lloyd's underwriter - claims he deliberately opted for a second career. "I have a general management background and I also hope that as

CAROL LEONARD register their protest by voting,

an outsider I can contribute

fresh ideas," he says.

Pensions regulatory body needed

From Mr Derrick Rowe Sir, I would like to add to what Jeremy Rowe said (Business Times, August 6) about the Occupational Pensions Board (OPB) and its limited powers to intervene in pension disputes. All of the other potential watchdogs, the DTI, Opas, the Pensions Ombudsman and Imro, suffer from similar constraints. None of these bodies have the remit nor the legal authority to investigate the conduct of trustees and the confusing overlaps serve only to further diminish the limited benefit they may provide.
No one could read Jeremy

article in the same issue by Richard Abramson without realising that this article, "Looking for some common sense in the Goode report", is far too complacent. Not only is legislation required but it must be backed by one pensions regulatory body fully empowered to take whatever measures are required to safeguard the interest of scheme members. This article also places heavy reliance on a company's liability to fund deficits as a reason why the company should be entitled to any surplus. However, I am aware of pension deeds which quite specifically exclude this

Rowe's words and then the

No doubt the majority of funds are well run but the prospect of a pot of gold will always attract those who choose to prosper by way of

financial manipulation rather than hard work Given the Maxwell experience, it is not common sense that scheme members are looking for but some real protection of their Yours faithfully. DERRICK ROWE, 109 King Charles Road, Surbiton.

From R.A. Walker Sir, Mr Richard Abramson claims in his article on the Goode report (Business Times, August 6): "One of the more nonsensical proposals is that a company's auditors should not also audit its pen-sion scheme." I disagree. Whilst separate auditors in the Maxwell case might not have prevented the pension fraud, I believe there is much to be said

Surely it is possible that separate auditors might raise significant questions regard-ing a firm's pension fund accounts, which might not be the case when the same auditor is responsible for both the company and its pension fund accounts.

Certainly I believe members of occupational pension funds would feel more comfortable in the knowledge that separate auditors were involved. Yours faithfully, R.A. WALKER. 69a Highfield Way, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire.

Fighting company directors' pay rises by vote

From Mr Ron Carver Sir, May I suggest that small investors who, like myself, object to the disproportionately high pay rises awarded to the chairmen and managing directors of public companies,

either in person or by proxy. against the re-election of the non-executive directors who are generally responsible for recommending them? Yours faithfully. RON CARVER. Upminster, Essex.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Help for the housing market at no cost to government From Joseph Egerton

conduct of insurers in an

Sir, The flurry of competing proposals to revive the hous-ing market underlines the seriousness of the situation but is unlikely to commend itself to a government struggling to prevent further escalation of the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement. However there are several measures which might help the market without raising the PSBR and these should surely be taken at once.

First, the provision of proper advice for people with arrears has been very successful in reducing the number of repossessions and if every lender implemented a proper pro-gramme this would help con-

Abbey National's plan has merit

From Mr Peter Heath

posal might not be quite as stupid as your Business Com-ment leader (August 4) infers. if exemption from capital gains tax was removed from owner occupied property, there should be a positive gain to the Inland Revenue's coffers funless capital gains tax is

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Sir, The Abbey National pro-

broadly equate to losers). The current losers on property would then have their loss allowable for capital gains tax. It is high time the Inland Revenue stopped the practice of demanding capital gains tax at income tax rates on realised gains, whilst only allowing losses to be carried forward against future real-

ised gains. Yours faithfully PETER W. HEATH, 10 Marina Court Avenue. Bexhill-on-Sea.

oligopolistic market is open to siderably. Second, the present capital adequacy rules make itdifficult for building societies

The junior housing minis-ter, Mr Tony Baldry, has already taken action to encourto lend sufficient to enable people whose house values have fallen sharply but whose age counselling. His opposite numbers in the Treasury and income has increased to move up market. They also discour-DTI might usefully address age lending on a shared equity schemes. Third, there is a number of regulatory prob-lems which have obstructed the other problems which do not involve public spending. mortgage into rent schemes. Fourth, the sharp increase in premiums for mortgage indemnity policies represents an additional cost to new first time buyers and seems hard to justify in terms of the risks posed by current lending. The Analysts.

This would produce some help for a hard pressed market even though it would clearly be insufficient to produce a dramatic increase in house prices. Yours faithfully, JOSEPH EGERTON. Chief Executive. Economic & Regulatory

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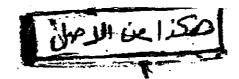
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Legal aid matrimonial cases are under fire while, below, one firm cuts the trauma

Divorce on the cheap

avin Laird Craig rues the day he went to a solicitor who was not a matrimonial specialist. "I asked him whether I should attend a hearing as it seemed to be about my two children," he says. "He told me it was not and that I had no need to attend. Now I am allowed to see the children only one day a Mr Craig. an estate agent

from Oxfordshire, is one of many who feels he was wrongly advised on divorce. Fewer and fewer specialist solicitors will do matrimonial work for legal aid rates of £60 an hour. so more people have to see any solicitor who will have them. A woman threatened by her common law husband telephoned 22 solicitors before finding one to take her on legal aid.

Anthony Gold Lerman & Muirhead, in Streatham, south London, does a lot of legal aid matrimonial work Mark Harper, a partner, says: "For private work I charge £110 an hour, but for legal aid work I get £60. My partners want me to stop but I am committed to it, not least because my mother sorted out her divorce only because of

This means that I have to take on a lot more work and everything takes longer. We have five partners doing this but we are turning away about 20 cases every week. Maybe outside the South-East there are firms that find the legal aid rate profitable, but fewer and fewer in this area will touch it. "Many of my clients travel for more than an hour to see



me because so few firms will do this work. In almost every family dispute, especially during the recession, at least one party qualifies for legal aid, which, roughly speaking, ca-ters for those earning less than

Notwithstanding the claims by some lawyers in the South-East that they cannot afford to take on the work, the 200,000 divorces in Britain last year cost £140 million in legal aid. Criminal cases took £175

So much family law work is arising that the best practitioners do not need badly paid legal aid work. The best cen-tral London solicitors doing family work charge more than £200 an hour, but, compared with lawyers doing corporate work, they consider themselves badly paid.

A suburban solicitor admitted: "We take on this work only if we have the time. We do not refuse on principle. The temptation on these rates is to

cut corners." Some firms use receptionists and other un-trained personnel to save money. A side-effect of inexperienced lawyers handling the sensitive area of family law is that clients' tempers are invariably raised. Mr Harper says: "Many

'Many solicitors think it is simple and send a totally insensitive letter'

solicitors feel family law is simple. It is just like claiming from an insurance company. They send off a totally insensitive letter, which ruins everybody's lives instead of lowering the temperature so that the parties can stay on speaking terms for the benefit Tom Lloyd, a management

consultant, who was recently divorced, remembers: "My wife's solicitors sent me a claim

partner firm on the south coast. The firm did legal aid work on a computerised system. Two solicitors and 14 technicians handled 1,500 cases a year, putting clients through a screen-led questionnaire. This simplified matters so that 200 prepared standard letters could be brought into play. Unfortunately, having spent two years perfecting this system, the firm found that the Legal Aid Board downgraded

for the whole of my salary. I found this so stupid, since because of the children I considered it essential to maintain some relationship with my exwife, and having nothing to live on would have destroyed that possibility." A firm that thought it had

solved the problem of badly Clashfern, has said legal aid paid legal aid work was Durnford Ford, an eight-office, 18work is for juniors when they start out in the law. I am committed to serving the community, which means that even with ten years' experience I am paid no more than people on their first day. enced solicitors can afford to do these cases the legal system is contributing to the emotion-al hardship of families after any split, which cannot be good for the hundreds of thousands of children in-

volved, let alone the adults." **HUGH THOMPSON**

Durnford Ford's computer

The Legal Aid Board takes a

plest decision. Incoming faxes

are not accepted, telephones ring for 40 minutes before

being answered, and a legal

aid application can wait six

weeks to be accepted. Mean-

while, a party in a potentially

disastrous domestic dispute cannot have the law present

Mr Harper says: "The Lord

"Unless good and experi-

Chancellor, Lord Mackay of

for protection.



Protect the press in the public interest

COUNSEL

DAVID

Channel 4 and Box Productions £75,000 for contempt of court for refusing to disclose their source of information raises important questions about freedom of expression.

Box Productions produced, and Channel 4 broadcast, a programme accusing the Royal Ulster Constabulary of conspiring with loyalist assassination squads. The RUC

denies these allegations. A court order made by a circuit judge under the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions; Act 1989 required the broadcasters to disclose the source, said to be a loyalist sympathiser, so that the allegations could be investigated.

The companies declined to name the source, who had been promised anonymity and whose safety would be endangered. The circuit judge made the order because.

applying the statutory criteria. he was satisfied that there were reasonable grounds for believing the information was likely to be of substantial value to an investigation of terrorist activities and that producing it was in the public interest. In cases arising out of the

Vassall inquiry in 1963, it was held that journalists, like priests, doctors and bankers, had no immunity from legal obligations to disclose confidential information to a court, The journalists involved were imprisoned for refusing to disclose their sources. in 1980. Granada Tele-

PANNICK QC vision was ordered to inform the British Steel Corporation of the identity of a mole who

had disclosed confidential documents. Lord Wilberforce pronounced extravagantly:
"This case does not touch upon the freedom of the press, even at its periphery."

One consequence of that case was section 10 of the Contempt of Court Act 1981, which prohibits courts from requiring a person to disclose the source of information in a publication for which he is responsible unless the court is satisfied that "disclosure is necessary in the interests of justice or national security or for the prevention of disorder or

Courts have narrowly applied section 10 in a number of subsequent cases. In 1984, The Guardian was forced to disclose the document that revealed that Sarah Tisdall, a civil servant, had leaked information about the delivery of cruise missiles to RAF Greenham In 1987, Jeremy Warner, a financial

journalist, was ordered by the House of Lords to disclose his source for leaks of pricesensitive information. He declined to do so, and was fined £20,000. in 1990, the House of Lords held that

section 10 gave no protection to William Goodwin, a journalist on The Engineer, who

refused to comply with a court order to disclose the source of commercially sensitive information that had been leaked to him about a certain company. As a result he was fined \$5,000.

Journalists cannot expect absolute immunity from orders requiring the disclosure of their sources. There may, on occasions, be higher public interests to be served. It must be for the courts, and not journalists, to balance the competing interests.

What journalists are entitled to expect, but do not always receive, from English courts is recognition of the strength of the public interest in protecting the confidentiality of sources. The argument is simple but

A free society depends on the flow of information to the public so that corruption and inefficiency are revealed and remedied.

The press cannot perform this

important function unless it can gather news. News-gathering will be impeded if sources have to be revealed. Potential sources will not divulge information and reporters, concerned about the consequences, will be deterred from investigating and publishing. A more ignorant society results, and those in power are less subject to independent and critical scrutiny. Occasional abuse by the press of its freedoms does not make these principles less important.

The Divisional Court had no option but to conclude that Channel 4 was in contempt. An order had been made by the circuit judge, but had not been obeyed. It was not for the Divisional

Court, on a contempt application, to consider whether the order should have been made in the first place. It is, however, unfortunate that the Divisional Court did not take the opportunity to emphasise that there is a real public interest in the confidentiality of sources, and that circuit judges should have this firmly in mind when balancing the arguments for and against making orders of

The regrettable consequence of this hard case is likely to be less investigative journal-ism in Northern Ireland, where the media are already in the front line of a battle to inform society of what is being done in our

Cynical journalists - there are a few - are also entitled to observe how curious it is that, while English law is so slow to recognise the confidentiality of what is told to journalists, because of the importance of fighting serious crime, the 1989 Terrorism Act prevents courts from making orders compelling the disclosure of the contents of discussions with a lawver.

The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.

Easing emotional pressures avering divorce cli-ents waste their own Some lawyers can provide new and

money and the time of everybody else connected London law firm of Margaret Bennett, which specialises in divorce, has tackled the prob-, lem by taking on a woman who is thought to be the first in-house crisis counsellor in a sdicitor's firm.

The counsellor's task is to help to clarify the minds of potential divorcees before detriled legal negotiations start in earnest.

Margaret Bennett says the move has already paid dividends by helping to dispel divorce myths and to smooth over any emotional traumas. The result is that client and solicitor can get down to business without any blurring

of issues. Patricia Harris, the counsellor who is starting the approach, is a psychiatric helpful services when couples split

social worker. She says: "Some clients call me a therapist, but what I do is not to be regarded as a long-term therapeutic relationship. Sessions last an hour and mostly I see

clients two or three times. "The aim is to help to clarify e. There is i ally a lot of confusion in people's minds. I try to cut through that, but it does not make for good decision-making. The goal is to help clients to make their own clear decisions based on the legal advice they are ultimately

given by a solicitor.
"Initially, a lot of clients are unable to decide what they really want. Their emotions are ruling their heads. They often want two completely different things. From the

solicitor's point of view, this is the worst possible scenario.

Such clients seldom give consistent instructions. "Feelings of hurt and anger, fear and despair, are very understandable, but when someone is facing divorce, a clear portant decisions. I try to help a client to keep control of

emotional turnoil. "Where do I start? The first questions I always ask clients are: 'Why now? Why not last year? Why not next year? What was the last straw?' "It is necessary to identify

the triggers that have driven clients towards divorce. Then I have to try to analyse the consequences if they go through with a divorce. Some pull back after talking to me.

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More than half the 1991

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claim equal pay with porters.

Claims were made against

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Equal Pay Act in 1984, there

But at least they make a "Another problem is dispel-

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ling the fantasy of many that divorce proceedings will entail their going before a judge in a wig and gown who will decide who the guilty party is. It is difficult convincing people that this is not what happens — to persuade them to accept reality and not to believe in judicial miracles.

I aim for. And when they have been achieved, there is no doubt that the legal negotiations can then be conducted on far more businesslike terms than is otherwise the case. I firmly believe that there is a place for more of this sort of counselling in the

"It can reduce the emotional traumas of divorce, and cut legal costs and time."

ROGER PEARSON

Delay for the Bar

WHY are the Lord Chancellor and the other senior judges taking so long to decide whether to uphold a challenge to the Bar's ban on employed barristers being allowed advo-The matter is contentious

because if the ban is lifted it paves the way for crown prosecutors (barristers and solicitors) to move into the crown court. Under the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 it takes only one of the senior judges to disapprove the ban. and it goes. There is a strong suspicion that Lord Taylor, the new

Lord Chief Justice, favours retaining the ban. It looks as though Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, is waiting for support from the new Master of the Rolls, tipped to be Lord Justice Eingham, who favours opening up rights of audience. Meanwhile, John Taylor, a

junior Home Office minister. has made his position clear. He said recently that liberalising the rights of audience was the "inevitable consequence" of the 1990 Act and that the legislation was not introduced in the belief that this [liberalising] would not happen".

Getting equal

TWO firms that act largely for trade unions, Robin Thompson & Partners and Brian Thompson & Partners. have published a booklet entitled Women at Work.

The booklet focuses on the issues of equal pay, sexual harassment, repetitive strain inury and maternity rights. On maternity rights, it accuses Britain of trying to wriggle out of the improved conditions OURIVENOR | required under a European



The directive would remove the requirement of two years' employment to qualify for maternity leave.

Alison Eddy, a partner at Robin Thompson & Partners. says: "Employers should see these, and other issues affecting women, as central to their employment policies. The law is only a basis but by insisting on our rights we can gradually get things improved."

The press release possibly reflects the views of many women that bringing any action against an employer



"takes courage and effort", a point that rendered the writer of the release speechless when it came to attempting to describe the trials of the policewoman Alison Halford. The writer had to make do with an

all-encompassing "ugh". More claims EQUAL value daims to industrial tribunals trebled between

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will be financed by donor institutions, including the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the World Bank and the European Commission. Opportunities Review, The contract may yet prove journal that reports on equal

a poisoned chalice as foreign legal advisers increasingly find that foreign investors are giving up the unequal struggle with Russia's weak economy. aggressive taxing policy and political instability.

School ties

THE influence of schooling on the careers of the famous is explored in a new book this month, Old School Ties. by Tim Devlin and Hywel Williams. The book lists 1,400 schools attended by more than 3,000 famous people, and concludes that the influence of a single teacher is much more important than the old school

Among the famous lawyers, Helena Kennedy QC (Holyrood Senior Secondary School, Glasgow) reminisces that she was the only girl in her year to do Greek because she wanted "to do things that other people do not do". It was one of the reasons she chose the law. She adds: "The law for most working-class kids seems a world apart - outside of the possible ... My mother was fearful about me going to London. My dad was actually quite proud of me. But my education drew me away from home...

Lord Denning (Andover Grammar School) says that going to grammar school was not an advantage. He says: 'In those days it would have been a help to go to Eton. Winchester or Harrow. They did not like grammar schools much at university.... But I was highly ambitious and ambition will get you anywhere."

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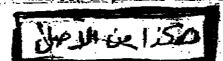
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Field Of Honour ready to strike

MANDARIN

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Mohammed Moubarak

has secured the services of Willie Carson for two fillies at

the meeting, Tropical Waters

(3.20) and Magical Queen

(3.50), and can be rewarded

Tropical Waters, who just

failed to hold Shiro on her

debut at Noningham last

month, can put her experience to good effect against

Cumani's newcomer Lost Sol-

with a double.

mani's stable should have a profitable time today as the Newmarket trainer looks poised for a long-range double with victories at Bath and Yarmouth.

Cumani sends his useful performer Field Of Honour to Bath for the Rothmans Royals North South Challenge Series Handicap and this four-yearold can claim his first success of the season now that his

sights have been lowered. The Ahonoora colt has been highly tried this term, competing in a number of top handicaps including the Royal Hunt Cup and Bunbury Cup. and recently was far from

discredited when ninth behind Little Bean in the Schweppes Golden Mile at the big Goodwood meeting. With the talented appren-

tice Jason Weaver claiming 5lb. Field Of Honour looks on a reasonable mark with 9st 41b today, and I nap him to get the better of that hardy veteran Gilderdale, who was a respectable fourth behind Knock Knock in the Chesterfield Cup at the Sussex festival.

Cumani should also be on the mark in the Market Gates Claiming Stakes at Yarmouth where Retender, a close-up fourth behind Jubran in the Tommy Shedden Challenge Trophy at Ripon last Monday.

dier in the Manship Maiden Magical Queen showed

nienty of pace when fourth behind Henry Cecil's wellregarded Magioue Rond Point at Goodwood, and although Cecil now relies on debutant Baeza in the Caister Castle Maiden Stakes, I just prefer Moubarak's Irish-bred

Shining Jewel, under Jennie Crossley, did not enjoy the best of runs when a close-up third behind Dodgy and Bud-dy's Friend in the Dickins Invitation Handicap at Newmarket on Saturday, and Lester Piggott can hoepfully recoup the losses in the Levy Board Handicap. Back at Bath, the Barry

Hills-trained Northern Bird

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

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3.30 BBC RADIO BRISTOL HANDICAP (E3,066. 1m 5i 22yd) (8 runners)

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CITY LINE has been disappointing since quanting 21

BETTERS: 9-4 Northern Bird, 3-1 Bold County, 4-1 Mansteer, 5-1 Second Colours, 10-1 Lewingers. 12-1 others.

1991: WILD HOHOUR 9-5 S Whitworth (6-4 lav) W Mer 4 car:

FORM FOCUS

NORTHERN BIRD 11 3rd of 13 to Key To My Heat of a marction size of Tokish (6f. from). Previously, best for Reservations 294 in a 18-runner maders arction at Sandown (5f. good to Son). SECOND COLOURS 6f. 6fh of 7 to Previously, and conditions race at Windson (6f. good). Previously,

1 (5) 113322 THE NUBLE DAK 10 (B.D.BF.F.G) (M. McDomach M. McDomach 4-10-0 J Reid 94 (99 285033 GMLAMT HORE 5 (B.C.D.F.G) (M. McDomach M. McDomach 4-10-0 J Reid 94 (19 285033 GMLAMT HORE 5 (B.C.D.F.G) (D.B.g) B Forsey 9-9-3 ... S Whitwork 99 (10 00000 SPORTS POST LADY 10 (D.F.G) (C. MR) C HR 4-8-12 ... Paul Extery 91 (10 00000 SPORTS POST LADY 10 (D.F.G) (C. MR) C HR 4-8-12 ... Paul Extery 91 (13 00000-10 MRSTR DUSDIN 22 (J Masself H. Mcdes 3-8-10... I Sprake (3) 93 (11) 6-60 BEVELED EDGE 25 (C. McDON) B Politing 3-8-9 ... J Wenter (5) 89 (12) 00000-0 VILLAGE PET 101 (B.C.D.F) (Mrs. S Haots) P Hobbs 4-8-6... A McSonn 93 (12) 00000-0 VILLAGE PET 101 (B.C.D.F) (Mrs. S Haots) P Hobbs 4-8-6... A McSonn 93 (12) 00000-0 FORTAME LADY 19 (D.F.) (Mrs. S Haots) P Hobbs 4-8-6... A McSonn 94 (16) 00000-0 FORTAME LADY 19 (D.F.) (Mrs. S Haots) P Hobbs 5-8-1 IN Adams 84 (16) 00000-0 B STATE MAID 10 (R. Sectomber) Hootges 5-8-0 ... D Bagge 92 (10) 00000-0 RED VERONA 22 (E Wheeler) E Wheeler 3-7-12 ... A Tricker (6) 93 (14) 000000 TACHYON PARK 52 (CDL.F.G) (S Wheeler) P Howlery 10-7-11 ... C Rather 98 (14) 000000 TACHYON PARK 52 (CDL.F.G) (S Wheeler) P Howlery 10-7-11 ... C Rather 98 (14) 18 (14

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3.50 CAISTER CASTLE MAIDEN STAKES

5.00 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (£2,856: 5/ 11yd) (13 runners)

4.00 pennsylvania maiden claining stakes

BETTING: 4-6 Paire Square, 5-2 White Wegding, 6-1 Cay Line, 10-1 Killstrendia. 1991: PRINCESS MODOVSHOE 7-13 D Hotland (11-10 lav) M Pipe 7 ran

(3-Y-O: £2,469: 1m 3f 144yd) (4 runners)

4.30 LADBROKE MURSERY HANDICAP

The Hills team is gradually

making up for lost time after being badly affected by a virus and this speedy filly showed plenty of ability earlier this season with three commendable efforts including an impressive victory over No Reservations at Sandown.

Ladbroke Nursery.

Claiming Stakes.

Brockton Dancer, a good

third behind Hallorina in a Goodwood nursery last time out, should keep the Hannon bandwagon rolling in the Tripleprint Median Auction Stakes, and Ian Balding's Pyare Square can collect the Pennsylvannia Maiden

Quiet Miss

enjoys new

lease of life

QUIET Miss, who fell out of

love with racing on the Flat,

showed a real zest for the

jumping game in the Nimrod

Novices' Seiling Hurdle at

The 33-1 chance quickened

to lead three from home.

pulling 12 lengths clear of

Express Signmaker — with

Martin Pipe's odds-on

It was a second success of

the season for her

Cullompton trainer Angela

Knight, who is delighted that

with jockey Simon McNeill

"He also won on See Now

"Quiet Miss went sour running on the Flat, but has been

at Newton Abbot, and I will

be using him whenever pos-sible," she said.

enjoying life schooling at

home — and her jumping won

L'Uomo Piu finally

marched to the right tune

when landing the Pomp And Circumstance Novices' Chase

for the Bridgwater trainer

The eight-year-old was too

keen at his fences last year.

but got his act together here

for Simon Burrough, putting in a faultess round to beat the

favourite, Bold Choice .by five

"He has been his own worst

enemy in the past, but I fitted

him with a Kineton bridle to

help him settle," said Barrow.

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Going: gecd
2:30 (1m 31 135yd) 1. CAROUSEL MUSIC
(M Roberts, 4-1). 2 Moby Splash (G Carler,
7-21, 3, Bel Barnata J Villicoms, 3-1 fav)
ALSO PAN T-2 Court Robert (5th), 10 Wase
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\$18.85 3.00 (si 21 yor) 1, TRUE STORY (M Roberts, 7-21; 2, Special Dine (R HNs, 100-30), 3, Palm Chaf (L Deticn, 7-4 tarv, ALSO RAFC, 15-2 Fel Lucky, 9 Regert's Lady (Smith, 15-2 Fel Lucky, 9 Regert's Lady (Smith, 16-1), 16-1, 16-1, 16-1, 16-1, 16-1, 16-1, 24-1, 41 R Hammon at Mariborough Total 5-4 60, 51 40, 51 70 51 10 DF \$10,00 CSF \$15.28 Tricest \$23.43

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4.30 (SI 19rd) 1, SRIGANTE DI CIELO U
Lloyd, 9-2) 2 Blazing Soul iM Roberts, 9-3
Lavi, 3 Geoff's Risk (D Hamson, 5-2) ALSO
RAN 11-2 La Calderona, Mino; 3 Tom (5-1); 8
Lorins Gold (4/In), 14 Fissk Prod (6-1); 20
New Rhythm Bisch Ni, 32/L shind, 5-12; Ri
Hannon at Mariborough, Tole, 67-90 C3-80
C1.60, 51.10 DF 59.40, CSF 516-35
5.00 (5) 217-yd.) 1, Richall Files; U Red 7-4; 2
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Vincenti (Paul Edden), 20-11 ALSO RAN 50
Limoth Imp. 1911 4 ran NR Fortune Cay
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C3 00 DF C1-10 CSF 52-92
S30 (Im 62-yd.) 1 SHAIII RANN (M Roberts,

E3 00 DF £1 10 CSF £2.92 5.30 i m 67 d) 1, SHEJAILAAN (M Roberts, 4-9 tavi. 2. Reported (J Red. 3-1; 3, L'Hammine (W Nownes: 16-1) ALSO £3N 10 Mouspe, 14m), 40 tissen (5m, 66 Wa? Poppy (6m) 6 ran 145, 21, 23, 15, 29, A Stevari at Newmarket, Tote £1.50, £1 10, £1 40, OF £1.80 CSF £2.25.

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Elathzerty (4-5 law, 9 ran, 12 1 19 Miss A
Knight, Tote \$12.00; \$2.00, \$3.50, \$1.50
DF \$12.95 (CSF \$236.25)
2.45 (2m ch) 1, L'Uomo Piu (S Burtough, 31) 2, Bold Choice (13-8 law), 3, 80 Curf (61), 5 ran 51, dist. A Barriar Tote \$4.60,
\$2.10, \$1.60 DF \$25.80 CSF \$7.89
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12 10, 17 160 DF 25,50 CSF 27,59
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Sapience duels with old adversary at Newbury

following a successful spell in

the United States. He subse-

quently beat Rock Hopper by

a head in the Cumberland

Drum Taps has been in

excellent heart this season.

winning all his three races

culminating in his defeat of

Arcadian Heights and

Turgeon in the Ascot Gold

The Geoffrey Freer is the

Lodge Stakes at Ascot.

By GEORGE RAE

SAPIENCE and Rock Hopper, fourth and fifth respectively to St Jovite in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot last month, meet again in the Ibn Bey Geoffrey Freer Stakes at Newbury on Saturday.

They will need little introduction. It will be the seventh time this season the pair have clashed, with Rock Hopper having had the best of the exchanges.
Michael Stoute's charge has

two wins to his name, in the Yorkshire Cup and the Hardwicke Stakes at Royal Ascot. while Sapience has landed the Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket. However, both must con-

tend with stiff opposition in the shape of the Ascot Gold Cup winner Drum Taps, who attempts to win the race for the second successive year. It was in this race a year ago

that Drum Taps re-estab-lished himself in England

likely target unless I discover that his owner Yoshio Asakawa is in France the following weekend, in which case I might supplement him for the Prix Kergorlay." his trainer Lord Huntingdon said

yesterday. "He seems to be in good form and the good ground ought to suit him."

But Snurge, one of the 15 five-day entries, has run abroad several times and could again be on his travels. A race in Germany favoured but he might run at Newbury." trainer Paul Cole said yesterday. "They are all about the same standard and there is nothing we would be worried about in the Geoffrey Freer."

Last year's runner-up, the Ian Balding-trained Spinning, excelled at Goodwood, winning two races in 48 hours, but is likely to run only if the race cuts up.

Lord Huntingdon's Dis-

cord, winner of his three starts this term, misses the Ebor Handicap at York next week.

Huntingdon: Newbury

Roberts extends lead with treble

MICHAEL Roberts, stretching clear at the top of the jockeys rable, quickly added to his weekend haul of winners by landing a treble at Windsor yesterday.

Roberts, who rode six winners on Saturday, extended his lead with a powerful effort on Carousel Music in the Stratfieldsaye Selling Stakes.

Always prominent, Roberts

pushed the John Akehursttrained mare ahead three furlongs out and was at full stretch to hold off Molly Splash by half-a-length. Roberts completed a speedy

Nursery. hanging badly on his previous

double on True Story in the the Robert and Nora Wilmot A beaten favourite when

The winning trainer, Richard Hannon, said afterwards: "We bought him as a fun horse, but he has turned out to be quite useful."

Story kept a straight course to

beat Special One by a length.

Roberts had to work hard to get the odds-on Shuailaan home by a neck from Reported in the Beat The Devil outing at Chepstow. True Graduation Stakes.

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6.00 HASKER STREET SELLING STAKES (2-Y-0: £1,245: 7f) (13 runners)

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6.30 MAUNBY HALL MARDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £1,161: 1m 4l 44y0) (9)

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9 022 WELL AVEAD 11 M JOINEZON R-9 Dean Mickeywn 5 9-4 Dazzing Fire, 4-1 Well Alexal, 5-1 Green Planter, 7-1 In The Money, 8-1 Maji, 10-1 Forest Stat 20-1 others.

7.00 AMATEUR RIDERS ASSOCIATION HANDICAP (£1,266: 1m 4f 44yd) (15)

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3.30 (1m 67yd) 1, SALBYNG (R Has, 14-1); 2. Waldi (N Carlsk), 20-1); 2. Green's Cassati (5 Maconey, 4-1) ALSO RAN 11-4 lav Saziend (4th), 100-30 Congress, 7 Rayal Daramouth (5th), 8 Grand Vitesse, 11 Statagack (6th), 16 Akkazao Lake Dominion, Apoto Red, 33 Red, Jack, 12 ran HC, nk, 31 4, 15 L. 3 Hills at Lambourn Tore 521.30
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4.00 (Im 21 byth 1, SANTANA LADY (Burn Courier, 13-2), 2, Rival Bid (K Putter, 5-2 lay), 3, Keep Your Word (Tracey Purseptore, 13-2), ALSO FAN 5 Supercy, Missy-S (5th), 7 Rive-Jurnele, Ba: On The Side (6th) 12 Bioros Rumer (4th) 16 Weethelp, Alliman Norma 20 Vulcture barder, Transec 12 ran Sn to 2 Vulcture barder, Transec 12 ran Sn to 2 Vulcture barder, 15 ransec 12 ran Sn to 2 Vulcture barder, 15 ransec 12 ran Sn to 2 Vulcture barder, 15 ransec 1 **FONTWELL**

MANDARIN 2.10 Five Castles. 2.40 Mandalay Prince. 3.10 St Athans Lad. 3.40 Hunting Ground. 4.10 Flying Zlad. 4.40 Fitness Fanatic. THUNDERER

2.40 POOKS NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (£753: 2m 6f) (8) 1 D-41 MANDALAY PRINCE B (D.F) J D'Sbes 8-11-4 M A Fizzgeraid (5)

9-2 Falcon's Dann, 11-2 Thurderbird One, 6-1 Sapphrate, 7-1 Sery Mover. 8-1 Not Yet, 10-1 Escape Talls, Lightnery Spark, Sparksh Whisper, 12-1 others. 7.30 LEVE ET RELUIS MAIDEN STAKES

9-4 Amazing Ficat, 3-1 Notdoora 4-1 Call To The Bar, 11-3 Dear Person. 6-1 Black Boy. 12-1 Time Touch.

8.00 CHARLES CLINKARD FINE FOOTWEAR HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £1.868: 7f) (13)

3-1 Rose Gem. 5-1 La Kermesse. 6-1 Mary Machtan, 7-1 Bramblet, May, 9-1 Boy Martin, 10-1 Young Valenting, hors Princess, 12-1 others

8.30 BROUGH PARK NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £1,576: 51 212yd) (9)

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2.10 Five Castles. 2.40 Mandalay Prince. 3.10 Play The Blues. 3.40 Hunting Ground. 4.10 Hickelton Lad. 4.40 Eau D'Espoir.

2.10 ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NOVICES SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (2774 2m 2f) (6 numers) 1 00U- ACROSS THE CARD 115 N/) A Moore 4-11-10 ... G Moore PP-0 SCAND DESERT 11 (n/) R Callow 4-11-5 ... W McGarland 3 00U- THUNDER BUG 527 A James 4-11-0 ... R Belland 4 PP-0 COMMESSIANT VIAME 102 P James 6-10-10 ... G Option 5 00S- FRIE CASTLES 99 G Enrigal 4-10-8 ... M Permai 6 00-P RIVER CHASE 11 D Wrote 4-10-0 ... P McChemool 13-9 Across: The Card 7-2 Five Castles 5-1 Coombestury Lane, 6-1 Tourner Bug. 14-1 River Crase. 16-1 Etand Desert.

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7 5 READ TURNERS 6 C Windran 4-10-4. P Rolley
8 O-ZAFRA 10F G Charles-space 4-10-0. E McKinley
1-2 Llandals, Punce, 7-1 Sam The Man, 8-1 Head Turner, 10-1 Zafta, 12-1 offices

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3.40 GREENWOOD GOOGLY HANDICAP HURDLE

4.10 STUMPS AND BAILS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,182: 2m 2l) (5)

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4.40~sussex young cricketers novices Hurdle (£809: 2m 2f) (7)

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☐ Prize-money of nearly £90,000 has attracted a record entry of 14 horses from Britain and Ireland in four jump races at Waregem, in Belgium, on September 1. The feature race is the £40,000 Grand Steeple Chase of Flanders.

giving up its sponsorship of

the sport (Brian Beel writes).

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THE encouraging news from the Jockey Club that records were broken last season, both that in 1991. There were more than a 100 on the

The total number of runners - 12,715 - was over 1,000 The current recession ac-



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THUNDERER 2.00 Shalou. 2.30 Brockton Dancer. 3.00 FIELD OF HONOUR (nap). 3.30 Spectacular Dawn. 4.00 Pyare Square. 4.30 Northern Bird. 5.00 Mister Joison.

RICHARD EVANS: 3.00 Field Of Honour, 3.30 Fair Flyer, 4.30 BOLD COUNTY (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 FIELD OF HONOUR.

DRAW: 5F 11YD-1M 5YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.00 AUGUST SELLING STAKES (£2,407: 1m 5yd) (16 numbers)

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3.00 ROTHMANS ROYALS NORTH SOUTH CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP (£3,655: 1m 5yd) (9 runners),

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Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.20 RETENDER (nap). 3.50 Magical Queen. 4.50 Shining Jewel.

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BETTING: 9-4 Briggsmald, 7-2 Heavenly Waters. 7-2 Haline Magn: 5-1 Cold Marke, 7-1 Suzant, 8-1 Sail Al Add, 12-1 others.

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History of US PGA

title threatens

Faldo's ambitions

FROM MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

NICK Faldo would appear to have only history against him in his attempt to win the US

PGA championship, which starts at Bellerive on

On form. Faldo is the warm-

est of favourites. He has finished in the top eight in each

of his last ten tournaments and his record of five victories

(three Opens and two Mas-ters) from his last 21 appear

ances in major championships

emphasises his supremary.

History, however, has decreed that the US PGA championship is the most difficult for a non-American to win. Jim Barnes (1916 and 1917), Jock Hutchison (1918), and Tenergy Armony (1930).

and Tommy Armour (1930), all of whom hailed from Britain, David Graham (1979) and Wayne Grady

(1990), both of Australia, and

Gary Player (1962 and 1972).

of South Africa, are the only

players to have broken the

American stranglehold.
Faldo, 35, is committed to winning the US PGA champ-

ionship because without it he

cannot obtain the place in

history that he craves. "I want

to win the grand slam of all

four major championships," he said. "It is not a secret; it is, quite simply, what it is all about for me from now on."

Financially, Faldo is made

emphasises his supremacy.

Thursday.

be the fifth player to win all four majors — Gene Sarazen. Ben Hogan, Player and Jack

Nicklaus are the only ones to

ship would seem to be the

toughest for a European to win," he said. "I have at least

been in a play-off for the US Open, and it would be perfect

to go into next year with only that championship to win for

the grand slam.

For me the weather will be

the biggest obstacle this week,

if it remains stifling through-

out the four days. I'm well prepared, of course, but everything has to fall into place for

Not that Faldo will rest on his laurels if he should justify the faith placed in him by the

bookmakers — he has been installed as 6-1 favourite

ahead of Fred Couples (11-1).

the Masters champion, José-

María Olazabai (14-1), Ian

Woosnam (16-1) and Greg

Faldo has arranged a three-

week holiday, but he intends

to play in four other PGA

European Tour events in addi-

tion to the Toyota World Match Play Championship.

the PGA Grand Slam in Hawaii, the Bridgestone

Open in Japan, the Million

Dollar Challenge in Sun City

McKay, the much-touted Scot from Turnberry, and Fiona Brown, the English girls' champion, from Heswall. They failed, surprisingly, to make the top flight last year

and their first objective will be

to rectify that by being in the

top 16 after the two rounds of

They and Laura Navarro, of

Spain, who was the top qualifi-

er last year but lost in the first

round of match play, are the

which includes five Swedes

trying to emulate Maria

Hjorth. Last year, she became

the first Swedish player to win

the title, but Hjorth will not be

defending. Age has caught up

Norman (16-1).

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The US PGA champion-

have achieved the feat.

Last-gasp win for Glamorgan

Johnson's brave bid to no avail

By RICHARD STREETON

TRENT BRIDGE (final day of three): Glamorgan .(20pts) beat Nottinghamshire (3) by

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE still needed eight runs from three balls yesterday when their last man, Paul Johnson, came to the wicket with his left arm in plaster after breaking a bone in his hand. To his first ball Johnson moved forward and swung his bat one-handed against Barwick and was legbefore. It brought Glamorgan a dramatic win with two balls

For the second match in succession, therefore, the Nottinghamshire batsmen have failed to reach a target in the fourth innings and close the gap on Essex at the top of the championship table. These two sides meet at Colchester on Friday in a game certain to attract huge crowds.

Nottinghamshire had been left to make 330 from what proved to be 100 overs in poor light and the game finished with three warning lights on. Uppermost in their minds was Johnson's injury, though he was always determined to bat if required. Johnson broke a bone in his hand in the Sunday league game the previous day.

Johnson will be out the rest of the season and Nottinghamshire will also be without Pick as they complete their programme. Pick had an exploratory operation on a trouolesome shoulder injury on Saturday and has been told to rest for six weeks.

With Johnson unable to play any proper part, Nottingharnshire approached their innings with caution, a necessity which the crowd did not always seem to understand. They barracked Notting-hamshire at times during the day and at one point the umpires also had to remind Glamorgan of their obligations when they dawdled in the field to slow down the over

It was not until Randall

when the final hour began. Randall then hooked a catch to deep backward square-leg after sharing a stand of 86.
Cairns was then run out, Evans held at first slip before Crawley gave Croft a return catch. Crawley had batted with excellent judgment for

Nottinghamshire required 73 from the last eight overs and in an improbable eighth wicket stand. French and Hemmings put on 48 in six. Hemmings was then bowled attempting a big hit against Barwick. Eleven were wanted from the last over and French was stumped from Barwick's third ball, which brought Johnson's brave appearance. French drove and pulled nine fours in a scintillating 55

made from 39 balls. Following the complete washout on Saturday, pre-play negotiations between the captains was inevitable. Nottinghamshire declared their first innings closed and Glamorgan then batted for two overs against Randall and Robinson. From the start Nottinghamshire progressed warily.

Croft, the off-spinner, dis-missed Broad, who played over a ball he had made into a yorker. Robinson's departure 35 minutes after hunch left the remaining batsmen with a heavy burden. Robinson edged a Watkin outswinger to second slip. Shortly before tea Pollard's invaluable innings ended when he pushed a hamshire stepped up the run cover. Randall's arrival her-

Forward thinking: Bailey gropes against a Robinson delivery at Northampton and is caught behind

McCague's best dismisses Hampshire

By Ivo Tennant

CANTERBURY (final day of three): Kent (24pts) beat Hampshire (5) by nine

THE county side with hitherto the worst bowling record in the country is strongly in contention for the championship. Still more bizarre, perhaps, is that yesterday it was no Man of Kent who was responsible for Hampshire mustering a total of only 70, the lowest score of the season, but an Irishman from Western Australia.

Kent pride themselves on the number of players they field who have been born or educated in the county. Martin McCague, however, is an exception. Born in Northern Ireland, he was brought to England last year by Daryi

By Jack Bailey

NORTHAMPTON (final day

of three): Northamptonshire (6pts) drew with Yorkshire (5)

WHEN Yorkshire, chasing

bright. Five wickets were eff-

Lancashire v Worcs

down, Ambrose

PA P Walls and out

Foster, who was then coaching Western Australia as well as Kent. His figures yesterday eight wickets for the loss of 26 runs — were not only the best of his career, but also the best by any bowler this

It was a chastening experience for Hampshire, whose batting was as feeble on this occasion as it had been turgid in their first innings. Here was one bowler not concerning himself with reverse swing or taking any of the present Pakistani Test players as his prototype. This was simply good, honest, straight fast bowling.

Perhaps it was McCague's way of showing his gratitude for being given his county cap on the first day of this match. He is still young - 23 strong, and capable of becoming more consistent once he

seemed capable of taking a wicket with nearly every ball

and the odds were heavily

home team. Two interrup-

tions, for bad light and rain,

In the event, a number of

against Yorkshire's survival.

has sorted out a curved and sometimes stuttering run-up. but has been in and out of Kent's side this summer. Yesterday, though, he took his eight wickets in just 12.2

He bowled Morris in his first over, had James taken at third slip in his second and beat Wood with a ball that came back in his third. If the delivery with which he had Middleton leg-before did keep reasonably low, at other times he gained some bounce and a little movement -- but nothing untoward.

McCague then had Mar-shall caught and bowled off a full tost and Ayling taken at the wicket driving outside off stump. Udal was beaten for pace and Turner, perhaps, for thinking there must be something demonic in the pitch. Connor was hopelessly

unaware of the possibility of a third run to third

Only Nicholas was out to any other bowler, failing to counter one that Davis lifted from a length. Kent, who prior to this match had gained only bowling bonus points, were left with just 107 runs to make and as much time as they wanted in order to do

For Ward, that meant merely a few overs. Connor was repeatedly straight-driven, and, once Marshall had been seen off, Ayling picked up and swung to square leg with a rare sense of timing.

His half century included eight fours and emphasised the extent to which Hampshire's game has fallen away since they beat Kent in the Benson and Hedges Cup final

and the Johnnie Walker World Championship in for life. He was secure before his success at Muirfield last McKay shows gift

for improvement By PATRICIA DAVIES

ANNE-MARIE Palli is a name that may not mean much to most of the competitors in the British girls' championship, which starts at Northamptonshire County golf club, near Northampton. today, but she could provide their inspiration.

Palli from the French Basque country, was something of a prodigy as an amateur and registered one of her first big international vicat the County 19 years ago. In June, she won her second professional tournament in the United States, nine years after her first

Prodigious talents on dis-

play this week include Mhairi

Descampe's first US win

Stratton Mountain, Vermont: Florence Descampe, of Belgium, daimed her first tournament win after less than a year on the LPGA Tour here on Sunday. The 23-year-old shook off a challenge from the tour's leading money-winner, Dottie Mochrie, to capture the Stratton Mountain Classic and pocket the \$75,000 first

Descampe had a 67 in the final ground after starting two strokes behind Mochrie and joint overnight leader Cindy Rarick, to finish with 278, six

under par. She also kept calm after a birdie on the 13th pulled her ahead of the experienced American, who chased her to the end. It was terrible waiting for Mochrie to finish." Descampe said.

Mochrie parred the 13th and then barely missed a 30foot putt on the 18th, where she dropped a shot for an even-par 71 and a total of 280.

CYCLING

Redant breaks away for opening victory

HENDRIK Redant, of 🛂 gium, raced clear of the field . win yesterday's opening stage of the Kellogg's Tour of Brit-ain over a 58.5-mile citycentre course in Dundee, Scotland.

Redant, 29, winner of the sprints classification last year, crossed the line 4sec ahead at the end of 39 laps, leaving Olaf Ludwig, of Germany, to take second place from Redant's compatriot and Lotto

team-mate, Johan Musecuw Maximillian Sciandri, the Derby-born Italian rider in the same Motorola team as last year's Kellogg's winner Phil Anderson, was next, in

Allan Peiper, of Australia

fifteenth lap.

they were reeled in and Piper beat Anderson to claim three seconds' bonus on the twentieth lap sprint. Chris Lillywhite, of the Banana-MET team, and Redant went ahead together, but, with five laps to go, they were swal-

HOWER by the chasers.

RESULTS: First stage (circuit of Dunder, 58.5m): 1, H Rectant (Loto, 88), 21° 2mm 10eer; 2, 0 Ludwig (Pansonic, Gen), et 4sec, 3, J Museeuw (Loto, 88), 4, M Sciandt (Motorote, I); 5, A Ven der Poet (Lufe, Holl); 6, R Pelificont (Mescestone, In; 7, F Pastonell (Mescestone, In; 8, P Ven Petegeri (PDM, 86), 9, D Abdoulgoerov (Cerrera, CS); 10, 8 Holm (Lufe, Den), et aems time. Overall (with borusees): 1, Redent, 2:02:00; 2, Ludwig, et 8sec; 3, Museeuw, at 10sec; 4, Sciendt, 1st 11sec; 5, A Petper (Lufe, Aus), surne time: 5, P Andesson (Rufe, Aus), surne time: 5, P Andesson (Rufe, Bel), same time; 0, P Andesson (Rufe, Bel), same time; 0, Ven der Poel, st 14sec; PDM: Austria), sime time; 3, P Herinne (Loto, Bel), at 13sec; 9, T Desmat (Lufe, Bel), same time; 10, Ven der Poel, st 14sec; Points: 1, Redent, 15, 2, Ludwig, 14, 3, Museeum; 13, Sprints: 1, Sciendt, 5, 2, Peiper, 3; 3, D Marri (GB-Leeds 92), 5, Teams: 1, Loto, 8:06:42

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had lost four wickets for 101 cost them seven precious overs. making the highest total of the match virtually disappeared. White and Pickles could do and David Byas had left the White played with great good ground for attention at the sense for more than an hour local hospital, Northamptonand a half and Pickles stuck shire's chances of snapping like a limpet. little but resist stubbornly Furthermore, Ripley, who more menacingly at the heels against some testing overs of Essex, the championship had had problems with somefrom Ambrose, Curran and leaders, looked distinctly Taylor.

Odds conspire unexpectedly against Northants

thing in his eye, dropped first White off Taylor and then Pickles off Ambrose. This last chance came with more than ten overs left and with it went Northamptonshires hopes.

From the moment Byas ducked into a short ball from Ambrose and suffered a savage blow to the bridge of his nose, which later proved to be broken, Yorkshire's chances of

Northamptonshire's ambitions of adding quickly to

nine wickets to play with, foundered on some excellent bowling from Robinson. He was unfortunate only to cap-Bailey's 31 was the chief

contribution to the 109 scored for the loss of five further wickets before lunch, but three wickets from Pickles helped keep Northampton-shire in check. With a lead of only 222, Lamb delayed his declaration until four overs had eaten into the second

session. It proved too late.

24 i runs to win from 65 overs, **Carr and Brown** revive Middlesex

By Geoffrey Wheeler

ALTHOUGH their big bat-ting guns for once failed to fire, Middlesex still beat Gloucestershire by five wickets at Lord's vesterday with the lesser lights ensuring that Neil Williams's career-best bowling of eight for 75 was not wasted.

Gloucestershire, who had resumed at 39 for four, were bowled out for 141, Williams taking five of the six wickets to fall, the only serious resistance to the fast-medium bowler coming from Russell and Walsh, who added 47 for the last wicket.

It appeared that this partnership might be crucial when Haynes, Roseberry and Gatting, with 14 championship centuries between them this season, went cheaply, leaving Middlesex 56 for three in pursuit of 213. However, Carr, missed at slip before he had scored, and Brown put the innings back on course with a partnership of 73. The bowlers were unable to regain the initiative as Pooley. dropped at mid-on when nine. went for his strokes and by the time Carr was fifth out, for 66. Middlesex were only 16 runs short of their target. Pooley, on his second championship appearance of the season, finished 56 not out.

Locally born Ed Giddins, 21, Sussex's promising fast bowler, took five wickets in an innings for the first time in the four-wicket win over Derbyshire at Eastbourne, Sussex's first success on the ground for six years. Giddins, who returned five for 32, combined with Salisbury to dismiss Derbyshire for 142 in their second innings. Needing 161, Sussex had to work hard and their captain, Alan Wells, batting at No. 8 because of a damaged hand, saw the last 29 runs scored in company with Ste-phenson, who made 44.

The vastly experienced trio of Larkins, who scored 77, Bainbridge (71 not out) and Botham (28 not out) took Durham to safety against Warwickshire at Edgbaston. while Worcestershire's ninthwicket pair. Illingworth and Tolley, blocked out the last eight overs against Lancashire

Brave Botham falls short

LIAM Botham's valiant effort to provide a match-winning innings of which his father would have been proud failed yesterday as an England Under-15 XI scraped a draw with their South African counterparts (a Special Corres-

pondent writes). Botham Jr. 14, making his England debut, had the chance to delight a small crowd at Arundel when he arrived at the wicket with England in desperate trouble at 32 for five against a strong South African bowling attack. However, after hitting 16 as England struggled towards a winning total of 156, Botham was caught on the boundary attempting to hit a huge six

over mid-on. It was the South African allrounder, Mark Benfield, 15. from Johanesburg, who won the man-of-the-match award with an unbeaten score of 144 in the first innings, followed by figures of five for 40 in the

England second innings. The England captain, Luke Sutton, from Somerset, almost managed to lead his side to an unlikely victory, but was out for 33 as England fell short of their total, finishing on 113

for nine. ☐ The wicketkeeper, Ian Healy, and fast bowler. Craig McDermott, shared a ninthwicket stand of 79 to spare Australia's blushes in the opening match of their cricket tour of Sri Lanka yesterday. The Australians were reduced to 188 for eight against the Sri Lanka Board President's X1 at the Asgiriya Stadium in Kandy before Healy and McDermott came to the rescue. Healy made 31 and

the first day of the three-day match. Australia's six-week tour inchides three tests and three

one-day internationals.

McDermott a blistering 58

not out to lift the touring side

to 278 for nine at the close of

OLD TRAFFORD (final day of three); Lan-reshire (dats) draw with Worcestershire LANCASHIRE: First Innings G Fowler but Pactioned 16
J P Crawley Ibw b Illingworth 29
N J Speak c Phodes b Pactioned 11
G D Lloyd c Phodes b Pactioned 11
N H Faithrother not out 17
W H Faithrother not out 17
W K Heign not out 31
Extras (b 1, b 7, nb 8) 16

Total (5 wide dec) 349 Score after 100 overs: 326-5. P A J DeFreites, P J Merfin, J D Fiston and A A Barnett did not bet. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-67, 3-202, 4-

252, 2-542.

BOWLING: Padiord 19-5-61-2; Newport 18-2-64-0; Tolley 10-1-37-0; Illingworth 27-7-74-3; Haynes 11-2-2-32-7, Hick 6-1-23-0; Weston 3-0-13-0; D'Olivelra 17-6-37-0. Second Innings Iorletted WORCESTERSHIRE Pirst Innings forfeited

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Total (e wiss)

N V Radford did not bet.

FALL OF WCKETS: 1-23, 2-50, 3-87, 4-122, 5-136, 6-186, 7-173, 8-182.

BOWLING: DeFreites 17-5-40-2; Martin 11-4-23-0; Westfarson 28-11-54-2; Barnett 14-5-3-40-2; Rition 12-2-30-2.

Limpres: J D Bond and G I Burgess.

Sussex v Derbyshire

EASTBOURINE (finel day of three); Sussex (22pts) best Derbyshirs (ii) by four wickets DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 248 (J E Morris 68)

orris 68)
Second Innings
(J Bernett Ibw b Sephenson
D Bowler Ibw b Sedders
E Morris o Speight b Goldins
J G O'Gorman Ibw b Giddins
J Adems c Moores b Giddins
J Adems c Moores b Donelen
(M Krikken c Wells b Sellsbury
G Cork c Moores b Giddins
T Bishop o Sellsbury
H Mortensen not out O H Monensen not out _____

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-53, 2-53, 3-53, 4-56, 5-58, 6-104, 7-105, 8-118, 9-118. SQM_ING: Stephenson 13-3-36-1; Glodins 13.5-5-32-6; Pigott 3-0-4-0; Remy 4-0-11-0; Donetan 7-2-27-1; Salisbury 12-SUSSEX: First Innings 230 Second Innings

N J Lenham Ibw b Cork

C C Renty Ibw b Mortensen

K Greenteid c Kriden b Bishop

M P Speight c Cork b Staddin

1P Moones b Bishop

Extres (b 3, b 6, nb 4) ... FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-35, 3-67, 4-75, 5-112, 6-132 BOWLING: Cork 14-3-26-1; Bishop 10-1-29-2; Mortensen 14-3-4-32-2; Staddin 12-0-65-1. Umplies: D J Constant and R Palmer. **Warwicks v Durham** EDGBASTON (finel day of three): Warwickshire (4pts) drew with Durham (1) DUFHAM: First innings 136 (A A Doneld 7 for 37) Second Innines

P Beinbridge not out IT Bothem not out Extras (b 14, lb 8, w 2, nb 3)

Total (4 wids) 238 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-65, 3-81, 4-170. BOWLING: Danield 18-6-59-1, Small 18-4-25-0, P.A. Smith 10-2-38-0; Munton 18-4-3-0; Reeve 16-7-30-2; Twose 8-2-21-1.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 316 for 4 dec (F. G. Twose 65, T. A. Lloyd 60, A. J. Moties 51; BOWLING: Botham 15-2-61-0; S. J. E. Brown 16-1-71; Hughes 22-0-88-1; Graveney 18-3-79-2]. Umpires: N T Plews and P B Wight.

Middlesex v Gloucs

LORD'S (final day of three): Middlesex (21pts) beat Gloucestershine (6) by five victors GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Immigs 322 for 9 dec (G D Hodgeon 54; N F Williams 4 for 64)

tor 64)

Second Innings
G D Hodgeon o Headley b Williams 14
"C W J Afney b Williams 9
M W Allayne o Headley b Taylor 7
M Davies o Brown b Williams 5
R J Scott o Haynes b Williams 21
M C J Bad c Emburey b Williams 21
M C J Bad c Emburey b Williams 0
R C Russel not out 43
J T C Yaughan b Williams 0
R C Williams c Brown b Williams 0
C A Williams c Brown b Williams 2
C A Walsh c Emburey b Williams 2
C Extra (b 1, w 2, n b 5) 12 Extras (lb 1, w 2, nb 9) Total

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-29, 3-34, 4-39; 5-52, 6-53, 7-94, 8-94, 9-94. BOWLING: Williams 22.5-7-75-8; Taylor 11-2-40-2; Emburey 7-6-1-0; Headley 4-0-

Extras (to 13, w 1) Total (5 w/cs) ______ 213
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-40, 3-58, 4

1-15-0; Scott 13-4-44-1; Devies 16-2-58-1; Alleyne 7-1-39-1. Umpires: 8 Leadbester and R C Tolchard. Kent v Hampshire

CANTERSUFFY (final day of three): Kent (22pts) beet Hampshire (5) by nine wickets HAMPSHIRE: First linnings 288 (M C J Nicholas 59, T C Middleton 52)

Nicholas 59, T.G. Middletin 52)
Second Innings
T.C. Middletin flow b McCague
R.S. M. Morris b McCague
R.S. M. Morris b McCague
M.G.J. Micholas c Ward b Davis
M.D. Marshall c and b McCague
J.R. Ayding c Kersey b McCague
J.R. Ayding c Kersey b McCague
J.T. Turner c Kersey b McCague
J.J. Turner c Kersey b McCague
L.J. Turner c Kersey b McCague Extras (To 2, nb 2) Total ...

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-11, 3-15, 4-29, 5-29, 6-51, 7-80, 8-60, 9-60. BOWLING: Igglesden 6-2-13-0; Davis 12 6-29-1; McCague 12-2-5-26-8. KENT: First Impings 252 for 6 dec (M) Fleming 100 not out)

Second Innings TR Ward c Monts b James ... "M R Benson not out N R Taylor not out Extress (b 3, nb 1)

DOWLING: Marshell 4-1-18-0; Cornor 4-0-20-0; Ayling 5-0-26-0; Udal 7-0-23-0; James 2.3-1-19-1. Umpires: B J Meyer and A G T Whitehead. Notts v Glamorgan

TRENT BRIDGE (final day of thee): Glamorgan (20pts) beat Noteinghamshire (3) by seven runs GLAMORGAN: First Innings 334 for 8 dec (A Dale not out, D L Herno 51) Second Innings Total (no witt dec. 2 overs)

44 129, 5-197. 11 BOWLING: Walsh 21 5-44-2, Vaughen S. Williams: eight wickets

BOWLING: Randell 1-0-8-0; Robinson 1-0-4-0. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings B C Broad not out , P R Pollard not out Total (no wkt dec, 5 overs) ...

"R T Robinson, P Johnson, D W Randal, M A Crawley, C L Calma, K P Evens, 16 N French, E E Hernstings and J A Alford did not bet. not be.

BOWLING: Welkin 3-1-14-0; Berwick 1-0-1-0, Croft 1-0-2-0.

Second Innings

Extras (ib 6)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-45, 2-78, 3-123, 4-208, 5-214, 6-225, 7-257, 8-305, 9-322. BOWLING: Watkin 23-5-85-3; Foster 18-2-52-0; Barwick 23,4-4-67-4; Croft 27-6-88-2; Dale 8-1-26-0. Umpires: R Julien and K E Palmer.

Northants v Yorkshire NORTHAMPTON (final day of three): Northamptonshire (8pts) drew with York-shire (3) NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 224 (N A Felton 103; C S Pickles 4 for 40) Second innings

Second Innings
A Fordhem b Jarvis
N A Feitor c Blakey b Robinson
R J Balley c Blakey b Robinson
"A J Lamb b Pickles
D J Capel Ibw b Robinson
K M Curran c Kellett b Pickles
A L Penbarthy c Tendullear b Gough 2
10 Ripley not out
C E L Arribrose not out Extres (b 4, fb 5, rib 3) ... Total (7 wids dec) ... J P Taylor and N G B Cook did not bet

FALL OF WICKETS; 1-47, 2-67, 3-73, 4-84, 5-117, 6-122, 7-167,

BOWLING: Jarvis 12-1-54-1; Gough 7-0-32-1; Robinson 16-2-38-2; Pickles 11-2-YORKSHURE: First krivings 158 (D J Capel 4 for 61) Second innings

"M D Moson b Teylor
S A Kellent c Ripley b Corran
D Byas retired hurt
S R Tenduler b Curren
HR J Blakary run out
C White c Balley h Ambrose
C S Picides not out
P W Jarvis not out Extras (b 3, lb 8, nb 1) ... Total (5 wkts)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-52, 3-74, 4-89, 5-155. BOWLING: Ambrose 18-2-48-1; Taylor 13-3-33-1; Capel 9-0-36-0; Curren 10-2-37-2; Cook 5-3-5-0; Balley 4-1-4-0.

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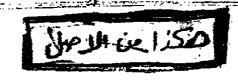
lowed by the chasers.

front of the Dutchman, Adri Van der Poel. Overall, with sprint bonuses taken into account. Redant has an 8sec advantage over Ludwig, with Musecuw a further 2sec back and Sciandri another second down with

Dave Mann, the Americanbased Briton riding for the Great Britain composite team made an early bid for glory when he attacked on the third iap and opened up a 12sec gap before Redant caught him. They built a maximum 25sec lead by the end of the

As the bunch gave chase

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Kenwood Cup, after four of

ty control

Braves' victory streak

The Cincinnati Reds fell

winning run in the tenth inning, leading the Baltimore Mark McGwire, of the Oak-

bursuer.

Olympics faced with the challenge of success

AS José Carreras and Sarah Brightman filled the stadium with Lloyd Webber's lilting, romantic song Friends for Life, the Olympic Games reached a sentimental climax that that reflected everyone's mood. When most of the 10,000 competitors then cantered into the arena to condude the closing ceremony, gyrating to Peret . Spain's king of rumba, no one wanted

the night to end. Yesterday, the circus of 172 nations left town. Stronger in spirit, many would say, than ever. Yet, at the end of 12 remarkable, innovative years since the Games in Moscow. the Olympic movement and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in particu-lar cannot relax. The prob-

Anita DeFrantz, newly elected to the executive board, is one of hundreds who departed happy but con-cerned. "Dealing with success is often the greatest chall-enge," she reflected. "We need to do a better job of informing the world what we, the IOC, do in the interest of sport, which belongs to everyone. Sport is part of our nature, and a powerful form of thought." It was that philosophy which persuaded the founder to start it all 96 years

At his final press conference, Juan Antonio ence, Juan Antonio Samaranch, the IOC presi-dent, gave several significant hints: that boxing was likely to retain its position, having had

DAVID MILLER IN BARCELONA

a successful tournament following the controversies of Seoul, and that equestrianism was popular with the majority of IOC members, never mind recent crincisms, and likely to

Samaranch stressed that all decisions on the programme had to be determined at the congress in 1994. Additionally, he confirmed that he would stand for re-election next year even if opposed. He should do that only if he is feeling fit and strong at 73, and if he considers he can continue to handle positively

the multitude of facets which

he has reshaped so broadly

buterol is tested for in competi-

tion as a stimulant. However,

you cannot put it into another

class and test for it also acts as

past twelve years. It would be wrong to continue out of perversity, driven by response to criticism. Yet by the end of these Games even some of the most rooted sceptics were standing in acclaim.

No one can suggest any longer that the athletes are exploited. The facilities in Barcelona have been excep-tional, and the athletes so content that revelry and a reluctance to leave were dis-rupting the village. Dr Jacques Rogge, of Belgium, the president of the European Olympic Committees, nonetheless has a recommendaof fundamental

roots, to have more contact with the athletes." Rogge said. "Of course, we have to commercialisation, properly controlled, to secure the future

of the movement, but - and maybe I am being naive — I believe the IOC and the federations should be accomodated in the village. We need to tighten our unity with our base, the competitors."

Rogge speaks from the experience of three Games as a yachting competitor, and he thinks that the executive board should be available several days each Games for discussion with competitors; that the IOC's lifestyle, much

The president is doing a hell of a job," Rogge said. "But we need to work on our image. We need to be able to invite, and look after, heads of state, but the most prestige in social-political history has been held by leaders such as Gandhi, the Dhali Lama and Mandela, living the simple

tribunes, contradicts this, Samaranch's private lifestyle is more simple than many of Rogge, who also serves on the medical commission, considers the Games have never been stronger. "I believe the

remain, generation after gen-

Though the public perception, of limousines and royal them property. desire for the Games will

prepared to give up so much to be here. Boris Becker doubles gold medal, Magic Johnson wanted to be here. never mind that he has Aids. The Games are created by desire, and that makes them safe. We just have to manage As long as we give competitors the possibility to dream, they and the Games will be

most anonymous to the

here. The IOC has many dedicated, honest people, but others are jealous and artack our weak points, sometimes with lies. The public believes served lifestyle. That is what we have to adjust."

COLIN Watkins and his crew

aboard the 54-foot Dump Truck continued to hold their

own against Mike Slade's 80-

foot Ocean Leopard yesterday in an intriguing struggle to lead the first, 350-mile stage of

the Round Britain race from

At 8am yesterday, three

miles was all that divided the

smaller racer from Slade's

grand cruising yacht, and as

the winds turned westerly and

lightened later in the day, Ocean Leopard looked set to

take the winning gun by the smallest of margins last night.

Third place in this Hartle-pool Renaissance-sponsored

race was held by Chris Little's Beneteau 45-foot production

cruiser, which at breakfast

time yesterday was trailing the

leaders by little more than 11

The most remarkable per-

Cowes to Cork.



DeFrantz: concerned

formance among this 28-

strong fleet, however, has been that of Matthew Humphries

and his crew Yesterday morn-

ing, their 39-foot yacht The

Youth Challenge was within

50 miles of Ocean Leopard in

fourth place overall, and well ahead of much larger rivals

such as Richard Fenhalls's

Swan 57. Noonmark V. and

Quailo of Wight, the 63-footer

At midday yesterday, the remainder of the fleet were

around or approaching the

skippered by Don Parr.

YACHTING

Ocean Leopard

closes on first

stage honours

By Barry Pickthall

Saxton and Davies get help from unlikely source

Professor prepared to back disgraced British weightlifters

FROM JOHN GOODBODY

THE Olympic Games are over but the controversy lin-gers over Clenbuterol, which has become the fashionable drug of 1992 in international

Professor Arnold Beckett, the pioneer in the United Kingdom on the fight against drug abuse, yesterday intensified the debate by stating that he would appear in any court case involving the two British weightlifters facing life bans. He could also be called on to give evidence in the case of Katrin Krabbe, the world 100 and 200 metres champion, who is fighting to clear her name for taking the same

Beckett said: "I am 100 per cent convinced that the weightlifters have been incorrectly suspended according to any rules. I believe the courts will show this ... Andrew Saxton and Andrew Davies ere found positive in out-ofcompetition testing for that he had taken any ers' delight" because it is both a stimulant and an anabolic agent. The pair were sent in intent. However, Clen-

an partiament in Delhi yester-

day called for an investigation

into the country's dismal per-

formance at the Barcelona

Olympic Games. The Opposi-

tion MP, Chetan Chauhan, a

former Test cricketer, also

called in parliament's lower

house for the dismissal of

trainers and coaches of the

athletes, who were knocked

out of every event in the



an anabolic agent out of competition without providing the appropriate information to the competitors." The Sports Council points to a catch-all phrase in its references for hormone drugs home from Barcelona when it lists the prohibited because, under the regulations substances and adds "and related compounds". Some countries, including the Uniof the British Amateur Weightlifters Association, a competitor is banned for life, ted States, list Clenbuterol as one example of these related compounds. The benefits of even before they have a personal hearing on the offence. Saxton may challenge the the drug to improve performance have been listed in the findings in the courts, arguing

that he is an asthmatic and Underground Steroids Clenbuterol is licensed in Ger-Handbook. many, although not in the The question Beckett is pos-United Kingdom, as someing is whether the British thing that alleviates the sympweightlifters and Krabbe can toms. When Saxton filled in reasonably be said to have his doping control form when been aware of this prohibition. he gave samples last month, he did not state he was taking He points out that he knows nothing in British medical Clenbuterol, although he did literature that would lead a say he was having medicine doctor in prescribing for asthma. Davies did not say Clenbuterol to consider it as an anabolic agent.

- Beckett added: "I am not were carried out for Salsaying that they are innocent buterol, a component in a common asthmatic reliever, Ventolin. "This has been Indians may investigate shown to have small anabolic

action in animals." ☐ The International Olympic Committee medical commission yesterday disqualified Nijole Medvedeva, of Lithuania, who was fourth in the women's long-jump for taking the banned substance, Mesocarb.

☐ Harry 'Butch' Reynolds, the world 400 metres record

impose a four-year ban on participation by its athletes in international sports meets. holder, has had his ban from However, such a decision will be taken only if parlia-ment agreed. Banerjee told international athletics extended to the end of the year. Reynolds had fought against the lower house on Thursday. A day later a planning comhis two-year suspension due to with a population of more than 840 million people, Inend tomorrow and chal-lenged the IAAF in the courts.



New Zealanders fail to shine

Central Unions .. New Zealanders.....

RUGBY CORRESPONDENT IN WITBANK

RUGBY in South Africa has probably had better days than yesterday: the Australians spent their first full day in the country for 23 years and David Campese gave his considered verdict on its rugby players ("arrogant") while here in Witbank neither the New Zealanders nor the new laws emerged from the match against the Central Unions with any great credit.

Campese, who plays in the Wallabies opening tour game against Western Transvaal today, has never been noted for the restraint of his views nor So the New Zealanders admirers, though this time he was prompted by a television advert suggesting the World Cup holders might be 'skinned" on their tour. Nor did the All Blacks add greatly to their admirers in the penultimate match of their tour on a bright crisp day in the van

Riebeck Stadium. When a New Zealand side has established a 22-0 half-time lead after playing only moderately, one expects them to crush the opposition in the second half. Yet the Central Unions, brought together from South Africa's second grade provinces, carried the fight forward, prompted by the chirpy Coetzer at scrumhalf and should have scored one, if not two, tries.

goals, three tries and a penalty goal against two penalties, the likes of McDowell and Clarke doing little to enhance their claims to a place in the side to play South Africa on

play South Africa on Saturday, SCORERS: Central Unions: Penalties: Herbert (2) New Zealanders: Tree: Witch (2), Bachop, Cooper, Seymour, Rush, Conversions: Cooper (3), Penalty: Cooper CENTRAL UNIONS: L Gilomee; G. Jacobe, W van Aswegen, H le Roux, S van Vuuren; E Herbert (rep M McMahon), K Coetzer, C du Plessis, T ven der Welt, T Loubser, I Hasingh, L Botha, C van der Merwa, S Wessels, A van Wyk, (capt)
NEW ZEALANDERS: M Cooper, E Rush, E Clarke, M Ellis, T Wright, S Bachop, J Preston, S McDowell (capt), G Dowd, G Punts, A Earl, B Larsen, M Cooksley, D Seymour (rep Z Brooks), A Pane.
Reteree: S Neething (Botend)

□ Johan Claasen will manage South Africa's tour to France and England this autumn, with Abie Malan as team manager.

BASEBALL

stretched by Glavine da, after the season. The

TOM Glavine won his eleventh successive decision and pitched the Atlanta Braves to their ninth consecutive victory on Sunday, a 10-3 home triumph over the Los Angeles Dodgers (Robert Kirley writes). Glavine leads the major leagues with 17 wins and three losses.

7-1 to the San Francisco Giants to tumble four and a half games behind the Braves in the National League West. A month ago, the Reds led the division by two games. Pending approval, the Giants will be sold for \$110 million (about £57 million) and moved to St Petersburg, FloriPittsburgh Pirates took their tenth game in a row as Orlando Merced drove in four runs in a 7-5 win over the St Louis Cardinals.

Cal Ripken knocked in the Orioles past the Cleveland Indians 3-2, as the Orioles drew within two games of the Toronto Blue Jays in the American League East. The Orioles began a four-game series in Toronto last night.

land A's, leads the major leagues with 35 home runs, eight more than his nearest

POOLSTED BEST SERVICE

ANGRY members of the Indialso emerged empty-handan parliament in Delhi yestered from the Seoul Games.

The recriminations followed

the suggestion last week from

the sports minister, Mamta Banerjee, that India should

derers who have had mixed

fortunes in their pre-season

who drew nine of their home

fixtures last season, are tipped

to draw again, this time

against fellow draw specialists,

On Saturday five of the six

Cambridge United.

THE three teams promoted from last season's second division have sound treble-chance games. Tranmere Rovers, claims on the first Saturday of the 1992-3 campaign: Mid-dlesbrough, Blackburn Rovers and Ipswich Town do not appear to have too demanding Premier League opposition in Coventry City, Crystal Palace and Aston Villa respectively and are fancied to start their . programme with a draw.

The newcomers to the top flight have history on their side as promoted teams have a habit of exceeding expectations in the opening weeks of

Brentford, who were also promoted, are capable of con-tinuing the trend by drawing against Wolverhampton Wan-

Not an coupons: Barnsley v West Ham (Sunday): Birmingham v Nobs County (Sunday): Leicester v Luton Saturday August 15 unless street PREMIER LEAGUE 1 Arsenal v Noneich 2 Chelsea v Oldham X Covenny v Mickleeba X C Palace v Blackburn 2 Eventon v Shell Wed X Ipswich v A Villa 1 Leede v Michleston SECOND DIVISION 1 Laads v Wimbledon 1 Sheff Utd v Man Utd 1 South plon v Totlenha Not on coupona: Notang-ham Forest v Liverpool (Sunday); Manchester City v Oueen's Park Rangers FIRST DIVISION X Brantland v Wolves
2 Bristol C v Pontsmouth
1 Charffon v Grinstoly
1 Newcastle v Southead
1 Address v Southead
2 Peterboe v Derby
1 Seendon v Straterland
1 Seendon v Straterland
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1 Wattord v Milleat

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X Carlale v Walsell
1 Chast field v Bernet
2 Colchastra v Lincoln
1 Crews v Torquey
2 Doncastra v Liny
1 Gallagham v North plan
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Scottish premier division matches finished all square. This week the draws in Scotland will probably be in the lower divisions, with Kilmarnock and Dunfermline Athletic the most likely proposition. They are second and first

respectively in the Scottish first division. Raith Rovers v Ayr United, Albion Rovers v Queen's Park and East Fife v Alloa Athletic are my other choices. X York v Strewsbury

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Record total gives trophy to Ambrose

TWO years ago, Rachael Ambrose, a student from Appleton, Cheshire, was picked for England's women's smallbore team at the age of 16 and capped that by finishing second in the senior British prone smallbore rifle championship at Bisley (Our Rifle Shooting Correspondent writes). She then took two years off

shooting for her A-level studies, but is back in the firing line at the national smallbore rifle championships this week with her skill undiminished. Ambrose won the Laws Trophy and junior women's threepositions championship, with 558 out of 600 for 20 shots prone, standing and kneeling. breaking her own British junior women's record, set in June.

This score was enough to place her second in the senior women's championship, four points behind the new champion, Donna Holland, of Hull. Last year's winner. Karen Morton (Stanton RC) also had 558, but was "count-ed our" to third place on a lower standing score.

Robin Law, of Stirling Royal Infirmary, won the open 3×20 championship, to go with his 2 x 40 of the previous day, and his 3 x 40 total of 1.140 gave a boost to Scotland, who won the Home Countries International threepositions match, 37 points over Northern Ireland

IN BRIEF

Ferrari in bid for Senna Ferrari want Ayrton Senna,

three times the world champion, to drive for them next season. "Senna is our number one target." Giancarlo Baccini, the chief Ferrari spokesman, said. He also confirmed that the struggling Italian team had

spoken to Nigel Mansell and the Austrian, Gerhard Berger. More help

Rughy league: London Crusaders, of the second division. have been given special dispensation to field two more overseas players in addition to the normal quota of three foreign imports per club.

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New Zealand hosts Cricket: Pakistan and Australia will tour New Zealand. Pakistan, the World Cup winners, will tour between December 26 and January 6.

and Australia's six-week tour

will start in February. New date

Boxing: British flyweight champion Robbie Regan's European title challenge against Salvatore Fanni, of It-aly, has been rescheduled for November 14.

Champions run

Athletics: Nine new Olympic champions, including the Britons, Linford Christie and Sally Gunnell, will be in action at the Lucozade Games at Sheffield's Don Valley stadium on Eriday.

Lesser lights miss out in £3 million deal

An elite bloc out to dominate Premier league

FOUR days before it has even seen a ball kicked in earnest. disarray, the old bitter divisions which bedevilled the Football League resurfacing in damaging fashion. Seven clubs have broken ranks to form their own exclusive grouping, the Platinum Club. concluding a separate £3 million advertising and sponsor-ship package with Dorna.

The seven clubs, Arsenal, Liverpool, Manchester United, Everton, Leeds, Aston Villa and Nottingham Forest, with an eighth in the process of being recruited, will have the Adime revolving boards installed at their grounds. Advertisers are offered a guaranteed four minutes exposure at 32 live televised matches, 20 on BSkyB and 12 on terrestri-

The deal was announced in last week's trade press, only days after Liverpool, Arsenal and Nottingham Forest blocked a vote on a League sponsorship package from Bass worth £9.5 million. Some of the excluded clubs are now trying to resuscitate the Bass deal, but this unilateral action throws the Premier League's commitment to a group marketing strategy into

cusations of bad faith reverberate, recalling the worst days of the Football League.

"It's horrendous, an absolute shambles." Ian Stott, the usually diplomatic chairman of Oldham, said yesterday. Ron Noades, of Crystal Pal-

ace, was, predictably, even more scathing. "I cannot believe that a group have got together to do something dettimental to the rest of the clubs in the Premier League. The breakaway was clearly on the basis that we had centralised advertising. The idea that they voted against the Bass deal and then went up to another room in the same hotel and signed up as an exclusive group is beyond belief. The ethics of some of the big clubs are just beyond me."

Significantly the seven are the old Big five, minus Tottenham, with Leeds, Aston Villa and Nottingham Forest added. Even more significantly they are recruiting an eighth. Mike Coley, the managing director of Dorna UK, the British arm of the Spanish company, insisted that this was for practical reasons. being the highest number that

Harford finds three top clubs in pursuit

THE dearth of available talent within English football was underlined again yesterday when Mick Harford, Luton Town's veteran forward, found himself pursued by a posse of leading Premier League dubs (lan Ross writes).

After a day of frantic negotiations, the 33-year-old who made two appearances for the England international senior side in the late 1980s was left pondering a move to one of three clubs, Everton, Chelsea or Coventry City.

All three agreed a fee of day lunchtime and Harford is expected to announce his deci-

£300,000 with Luton yester-Although Harford had been

THE England football team

will break new ground on the

visit to Spain next month. The

international on September 9

will be played in Santander,

on the ground of the Spanish

second division club. Racing.

a venue not previously used in

England's eight visits. Seven

The Newcastle United cen-

tral defender, Kevin Scott,

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yet to be decided.

expected to join Chelsea as a replacement for Kerry Dixon, who signed for Southampton recently, he was believed to be in Merseyside last night discussing with Howard Ken-Everton's persuasive manager, the attractions of a move to Goodison Park. If, as is now expected

Harford does decide to end his career on Merseyside, Ian Porterfield, the manager of Chelsea, may be forced to resurrect his interest in Johnny Ekstrom, the Swedish international who plays for 1FK Gothenburg. Porterfield watched Ekstrom at the weekend but said he was unwilling to meet an asking price of £1

ever, are aware that an eighth member would enable the platinum set to block any votes in the Premier League which require a two-thirds majority. "Eight clubs can block any deal the Premier League wants to do," Noades said. With Sheffield Wednesday

regular basis. The clubs, how

declining the invitation, it is believed that an approach is being made after all to Tottenham, who were originally left out for ignoring the Big Five whip over the new television contract, casting the decisive vote in favour of the BSkyB

As always in football, money is a major component in the conflict, but there seems little doubt that after all the honeved words committing the clubs to a democratic future, some of the major clubs still see themselves as being more equal than others, and the power struggle which de-stroyed the integrity of the Football League has just been

transferred to a new arena. There is little doubt that Arsenal, whose vice-chairman David Dein was a prime mover in the the ITV contract with the Football League in 1988, which occasioned so bitterness, are once again playing a major tole after losing out in this year's TV contract. The events have even made some clubs question whether the Premier League's structure, with all decisions taken at meetings of

There are suggestions that Lucozade, another interested sponsor, will make a proposal to the remaining fourteen clubs, but that so far has not happened. It is clear however that the next Premier League meeting will be a lively one.

the 22 clubs, can survive.

"I am proposing that if a group does a deal in concert to the detriment of the rest of the league, any monies from that deal should be regarded as Premier League income and distributed equally among all 22 chibs," Noades said. That is likely to be as popular as suggestions that some form of management committee, the bete noir of the big clubs during the Football League days, should be revived.

English pair scrapes in By Gordon Allan mes, stand third on shots in the triples. Both hav

Taking stock: McMahon prepares to bowl for Hong Kong against Thailand

TONY Allcock and John Ottaway were given an unexpectedly difficult match by Prakorb Nicrodhanon and S. Viswanath, of Royal Bangkok, the only dub in Thailand, in the sixth round of the Woolwich world championship pairs at Worthing

The Englishman won 22-13, a score that disguises the fact that the Thais traded shotfor-shot for much of the time and were only three down at 17 ends. A count of five to England on the last end put a

misleading complexion on the England, unbeaten in five

difference in their section behind Steve Adamson and Sammy Allen, of Ireland, and Israel. The Irish had a 30-6 win over Swaziland. In the other group. Botswana are at the top, having played one match more than their nearest rivals, Australia,

Scotland are fourth, Richard Corsie and Alex Marshall, having beaten the islanders from Guernsey, 35-7. The holders. Rowan Brassey and Peter Belliss, of New Zealand, lie further back in sixth

South Africa, skipped by Kevin Campbell, and Israel, skipped by Cecil Bransky.

head their respective sections

man distribution

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Japan, 30-6; South Africa bt Botswans,
18-14; Swezland bt Zimbelows,
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Guinea, 21-19; Scottond (G Robertson, W
Wood and A Stein) bt Argentine, 30-18;
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Norfolk Island, 22-14.
Steith round: Israel bt Cook Islands, 21-11.

played one match more than their immediate challengers. Ireland are just behind Israel after overcoming the challenge offered by the Cook Islands, 25-8.

The Scots, skipped by Augus Blair, struggled against India before stretching away to a 25-8 win. Wales finished strongly to beat Singapore 21-15 — a margin that gives extra significance to the six which the Welsh scored on the opening end.

England, skipped by John Bell, are third to South Africa after a 24-8 success over Guernsey in the other section. The competition gets harder every day and England's meetings with Australia and South Africa on Friday seem increasingly likely to decide which country qualifies for the final when it is held on

Sunday. Jersey lost their skip in the triples when Tim Mallet had to go home because of the illness of his wife.

Frank Hambly was flown in as replacement and Allan Quemard took over the skip's duties.

They lost the last nine ends

Skulduggery is .. no substitute for sheer skill

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

WASIM Akram and Wagar Younis are among the few great fast bowlers of their generation. Yet, on what should have been their day of glory, their image suffered graffiti of innuendo and open

Their status as heroes without honour stems from the suspicion, ruthlessly promoted by yesterday's tabloid press. that, because they swing the ball taster and later than anyone alive, they must be doing something reprehensi-ble and unprecedented to the sacrosanct surface of the ball.

This is not a new prejudice in British sport, but it is no more worthy than jealous claims that all Jimmy Greaves's goals were offside. or that Martin Pipe could not train a winner without administering some mysterious sub-stance to his horses. The success of Wasim and Wagar is attributable to one thing. They are the best in their field.

I would not venture to suggest that either man is an angel when it comes to cossetting the match ball. Nor would I begin to name the bowlers, long since retired from the game, who now freely confess that they used their finger and thumbnails to good effect when they were walking back to their mark.

This summer, however, umpires have been under instructions to scrutinise the match ball more often than ever before. Apart from one incident at Taunton in May. which contributed significant ly to the Pakistanis' resentful behaviour during the Old

umpire has raised an official question when they have been in the field.

Cricket balls have always been mistreated by swing bowlers. The methods are many and various, from roughing up one side while and thereby heavier, to lifting the seam or quarter-seam. The motive is always the same but the effect depends upon the relative skill of the bowler.

Micky Stewart, the England team manager, has perhaps never mastered the art of dealing succinctly with the press. So when, on Sunday, he failed to give an unqualified endorsement of the Pakistants methods, the inference was drawn that he believed them guilty of some heinous crime. In fact, Stewart's most significant sentence was largely lost on his headline-hungry audience. "They have both played a lot of domestic cricket in England," he said, "and if you think there is something new about their method, you

Stewart has been around long enough to acknowledge the overriding fact of this melodrama. He may know how Wasim and Wagar make the ball swing: every English will have tried to imitate. Not remotely of the same quality as either Pakistani. For that, and were beaten this summer □ Pakistan have added ljaz Ahmed to their squad for the three remaining Texaco Trophy internationals, beginning at Trent Bridge on August 20.

are not very bright."

Lewis anxious to live up to hype

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN IN ATLANTIC CITY

LENNOX Lewis wants to not on the style tonight. With a worki title bout just two contests away, it is time to start looking the part of the world

No. 2. For 16 months Lewis has been looking for the classical left that sent the unbeaten Gary Mason into retirement. He is hoping he can find it when he meets Mike Dixon. of Tennessee, at Harrah's Casino here and put on a show to wine out the memory of so many scrabbling buffs in which he tried to go for a clean knockout but succeeded only in bundling them out untidily.

"The Mason fight gave me the most satisfaction," Lewis said yesterday. "It is very important to look good again. I am more relaxed these days and I am going back to my natural style, that is, boxing. "I have been working on my

combinations and I am sure they will come across cleaner and sharper. I want everybody to be impressed by me and to believe the hype."

His trainer, Pepe Correa, who has had Lewis working for the last two months in Sugar Ray Leonard's gym in Maryland, wants him to take

or two rounds don't do any good. In the knockout cup we'll take it, but ten munds of good boxing is beautiful." But Correa's hones may not

be realised, as styles make fights. Lewis could once again be frustrated, for Dixon is not the kind of incoming fighter that makes boxers look good. He has a good chin, is cagey and a survivor. He has been floored four times in his 15 contests but has always managed to finish on his feet.

That, together with the fact that Donovan "Razor" Ruddock, Lewis's next opponent, in London on October 31, will be at ringside with his trainer, Floyd Paterson, could cramp the British champion's style. "I am glad they are coming. They will learn a couple of things," Lewis said petulantly. a little surprised to hear that Ruddock was in town.

But should Lewis find himself struggling to catch up with Dixon, he could become overanxious and the customers could be in for a tedious 40 minutes. However, since the purpose of this bout tonight is to prepare for the eliminator with Ruddock, a boring contest could prove a blessing for Lewis. Since Lewis boxes to the level of competition, the world No. 1 could be in for a surprise on October 31.

Flatroof problems solved



of these were played in Ma-drid, the other one in Bar-The Berwick Rangers coach, Jimmy Crease, has The venue for the under-21 been appointed manager of international between the the Scottish second division countries on September 8 has

contract with the club.

Partick Thistle have agreed to pay Celtic £100,000 for Gerry Britton and they stand to cash in on any subsequent

Kevin Keegan, the manager,

has agreed a new three-year

transfer, earning a percentage of another fee.

club. Crease, a former Berwick player and leading Scottish junior coach, takes over from the former Newcastle United

England to play Spain at new venue stripped of the captaincy by player, John Anderson, who resigned last month after he had spent only eight weeks in the job.

Crease has appointed the former Meadowbank Thistle player, Tommy Hendry, as his

Millwall yesterday completed the signing of the former Luton midfield player, Paul Holsgrove, on a free transfer. The Millwall manager, Mick McCarthy, said: "Paul has been with us a few weeks now on trial and we like what we have seen of him in matches."

Bournemouth, the second division club, have signed a one-year £30,000 sponsorship deal with the consumer magazine, Exchange and Mart.

WOOLWICH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Pelrs: Section At Fifth round: Australia to India, 39-11; Botswans draw with Cook Islands, 19-9; Fiji bt Jersey (D Le Merquand and M Coutouly), 19-17, New Zestand bt Kenya, 26-13; Scolland (R Corsie and A Marshall) bt United States, 29-17; Wales (R Weele and M Necole), 29-12; Sight round: Botswans to India, 25-18; Fiji bt United States, 29-12; Hong Kong bt Jersey, 29-21; New Zestand bt Jenan, 36-4; Scotland bt Guernsey, 25-7; Wales (R Corsion B: Fifth round: Carnada bt Agentica, 36-11; Indiand (S Adameon and S Allen) bt Singapore, 36-9; Israel bt Zemble, 31-21; Nambles bt Mortals Island, 25-14; Papua New Gunte bt Swaziernd, 25-15; Zembalowe bt South Africa, 22-21. of their match with Canada in his time in setting up his man. a 26-7 defeat but recovered in Correa said: "I want him to box, box and box. I would like Kenya 17-11. to see him go ten rounds. One

England likely to turn to Gatting and company By Alan Lee

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT THE cold, clear light of the morning after brought no consolation for those who run England's cricket team, only a dull headache and a few home truths. There is no shame for them in having lost a series to a palpably superior side but there is a sense of desolation in the way it exposed so many individual limitations.

On the third unscheduled free day of the summer, the profit and loss columns made painful reading. We are not talking money here, because even with their propensity for landing the knockout blow inside the distance, Pakistan have been good box-office. We are talking of England players who have either progressed or regressed this summer, and the latter group win by a landslide.

One of the more uncomfort-

able moments of the post-

match press conferences at the

Oval on Sunday was uncon-

nected with the witch-hunt about ball doctoring. As questions go, it was a gentle halfvolley to the England captain, yet he met it with such uncertainty that it was possible to detect the clatter of stumps behind him.

"What do you regard as the plusses for your side from this series, Graham?" Innocuous enough, surely, but Gooch shifted in his chair, pushed back his hair in that idiosyncratic way and finally broke the silence by muttering something unconvincing about the return of Michael Atherton and the development of Ian Salisbury.

This requires examination. Atherton does give adhesion to the top order but the suspicion persists that he has not, in racing parlance, "trained on", his last century being scored ten Tests ago. Salisbury's wrist-spin is a welcome delight but, in the second of his two appearances this summer, his figures were nought for 184. There is not a

lot there to command distinctions in the captain's end-ofterm report but the fact that this was all Gooch could come up with is revealing. lf, when the series began

Gooch had been asked for the plusses he hoped to witness, he would have nominated the émergence of Hick and Ramprakash as prolific Test batsmen and of Lewis as a



Broad: may return

genuine all-rounder. He would also have looked to the established class acts - Smith, Russell, DeFreitas and Tufnell – as a dependable nucleus. In every individual facet of

this, Gooth has been disappointed. The sum of the season's activity, a 2-1 defeat which would have been reversed but for Pakistan's ninth-wicket pair at Lord's, carries no dishonour, but the detailed contributions are cause for dismay.

Hick, Ramprakash and Lewis have been regarded as the guaranteed future. All are in their early twenties and the confident notion was that they would spend the next decade batting at three, four and six for England, with Lewis additionally being one of the main seam bowlers. These lofty ideas must now be revised.

Only Lewis saw the series out and his figures will embarrass him. His 114 runs came at an average of 16 and his 12 wickets cost 45 runs apiece. Hick managed 98 runs in five

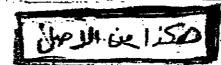
innings before being spared further anguish and Ramprakash, picked for the first Test and the last two, fared even worse with 31 in Figures can sometimes be

cruelly deceptive but, with the best will in the world, it is hard to dispute the authenticity of this sorry batch. Hick is technically deficient and barren of confidence, though a winter on Indian pitches may yet cure that. Ramprakash, who spent so long blocking out the West Indies last summer that he has forgotten what it is to play an mnings, may not get the chance. Lewis has explosive ability with bat and ball but there is a limit on how long we can wait for it to be applied when it matters.

Smith's series average was 44, and he played admirably in a lost cause at the Oval, but he had spent his six previous innings scratching together 103 runs and looking a shadow of his forthright self. Russell, though never quite at his best, was once more the victim of the inadequacies of others when left out of the last two Tests, while DeFreitas and Tufnell, England's two outstanding bowlers of the preceding 12 months, were restricted by injury and illness to two Tests and one. The series has also almost

certainly terminated the Test careers of Botham, Lamb and Pringle, while Gower's, although contentiously revived. continues to exist precarrously. All of this may seem depressing but there is one group of Englishmen who will be feeling rather smug about it. Broad, Emburey and Wells. Unavailable since taking the

Their names include Gaming. knugerrands two years ago. they can and will be considered when Gooch and fellow selectors choose the combination for this winter's tour. The way things are, all four of the above named may find they have profited from the disilla-





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Can anyone upstage Pavarotti?

The Italian is unique: will his brand of genius ever happen again? Opera

superstars of tomorrow, Rodney Milnes

believes, will be a different breed

s there life after Pavarotti? This shorthand question greatly exercises the chattering classes nowadays. Pavarotti in the Park, the World Cup's "Nessun dorma", the Three Tenors in Rome, the opening ceremony at the Barcelona Olympics with five star singers mouthing operation highlights — all this plus the bestselling videos and CDs attached to them is currently part of our way of life and very big business indeed.

Not all those on stage in Barcelo-na were in the first flush of youth. So what is going to happen when, with Melba-like reluctance, they retire? Who are their natural successors? Are there any? Is there life after Pavarotti?

First define your terms. Pavarotti is unique. He is the only opera singer who can automatically sell out an arena concert. His nearest rival. José Carreras, is a special case his devoted following is inspired as much by his heroic victory over leukaemia as by his singing. Both have their peers - Domingo. Caballé, Berganza, to name just those at Barcelona — but Pavarotti is something special, an earth spirit who has captured the world's imagination in a way no tenor has since Caruso.

In the 1920s people doubtless asked if there was life after Caruso, and along came Gigli. After the war came Corelli, Bjoerling, Domingo; after Ponselle came Tebaldi, Callas, Sutherland and Caballé, after Flagstad came Nilsson. But the parallel is not quite exact. There were no mass media in Caruso's day, and in truth Pavarotti has captured the world's imagination rather after the manner of the tenor who played Caruso in the Hollywood biopic — Mario Lanza.

And what is life? That is more complicated. The Pavarotti phenomenon has widened a post-Lanza gap between opera-people and the public at large. Opera-people may (but shouldn't) sneer at Pavarotti, or maintain that tenors of the same vocal type, Bergonzi, say, or Kraus, are more interesting and musical singers, tenors whose careers have lasted 40 years and more because they knew what they could sing and confined themselves to singing it. Neither, for example, would ever have dreamed of singing Otello (Kraus doesn't even sing Puccini); Pavarotti, because of what his managers perceive as the demands of the public, has done so. But sneer not at an artist who by indefinable quality of tone and phrase, without either Mick Jagger's pelvis or Arnold Schwarzenegger's chest, has struck a chord in

Is there an audience crossover from Hyde Park and Wembley Arena to what opera-people would deem legitimate opera? I suspect not: arena audiences are put off by Covent Garden prices and would be fazed by the green blood, trenchcoats and chainsaws they might encounter at the Coliseum. They are in it for Barbara Cartlandstyle romance, are likely to be blissfully unaware of the creepy sadomasochistic setting of "Nessun dorma", and probably stick to lollipop opera galas at the Albert

the muhiic soul.

Hall and Phantom of the Opera. But the pressures exerted by the arena experience have their effect on the next generation of singers.

Pavarotti only really happened when he was taken up by an expert New York PR agency moving into artists management. And manage-ment is what it is all about for promising singers. This is where opera-people's hackles rise singers' agents, who now prefer to be called artists' managers, are seen as ruthless flesh-merchants, in it for the money, eager only for next week's percentage cheque and let

the long term go hang.

There are people like that in the business, but there are also extremely responsible, far-sighted agents who plan their clients' careers with care and foresight. And they are needed, because opera house managements can be ruthless and exploitative.

Consider the case of a young





Larger than life: Luciano Pavarotti, bottom right, and two of opera's other stars of today, Placido Domingo and Dame Joan Sutherland

British lyric soprano who was summoned to audition for a new production of *Traviata* by a major. European opera house who should have known better; had she got the part (she didn't), she wouldn't have been singing in five years time. They didn't care; they would have had their five-minute sensation. and that was enough. Such stories make one wonder, as do memories of recklessly cast young singers who have sunk without trace. Managements need tenors to sing the Puccini roles that set their boxoffice tills ringing, and they aren t fussy about how they get them. There are sharks in them there

And Puccini, and by extension Wagner and late Verdi, is basically what the public at large wants, though some opera-people see this as a 50-year aberration in the history of opera, a period when noise counted above vocal artistry. Many young singers today realise that there are rewarding careers to be made in Baroque opera and bel canto, in Handel, Mozart, Ramean, Bellini and Rossini, so why

should they risk their voices belting out Puccini week after week? Take Chris Merritt, who has almost single-handed brought the heroic Rossini operas back into the repertory, operas that those trained to scream Puccini can't begin to manage. When Merritt sang French-period Verdi at La Scala to an audience with mistaken expectations they booed him for his pains. Again, this is where opera-people and the public part company.

The general public might not have responded, had they been there, to the Covent Garden revival of Bellini's Puritani in the summer. This was a happy conjuncture of three fine artists. First June Anderson, a soprano with a phenomenal technique and the potential heir to Sutherland, but one who had never quite "clicked"; there seemed something icy, even remote about her technical perfection.

But here she was working with a gifted young Italian conductor, Daniele Gatti, whom she trusted and who coaxed the performance of a lifetime out of her, and with an equally gifted young tenor,

of those treacherous, high-lying bei canto roles with an unshowy stylishness and ease that none of the Three Tenors, frankly, could have approached. A feast day for operapeople, then, emphasising that in the end it is the conductor who counts, but neither showy nor sensational enough for the public at Given the shark-infested waters,

Giuseppe Sabbatini, who sang one

the first reaction of opera-people on hearing exceptional young singers is to keep quiet about them. But they are there, even if perception of them varies sharply. Take the Cardiff Singer of the World competition, an exploitative event viewed by many opera-people with the deepest suspicion. In 1989 Dmitry Hvorostovsky won it; many opera people thought Bryn Terfel should have. But at the time Hvorostovsky was admired by gushing television commentators as a marketable "package", which inspired gloomy thoughts as well as thin-lipped smiles from those familiar with theatrical argot.

And packaged he has been, with mean, moody and magnificent photographs adorning his less than remarkable CDs and videos. He too appeared in the Royal Opera Puritani, not to best advantage, and is now taking on some pretty dotty roles. Terfel, meanwhile, has gone from strength to strength, is also being offered dotty roles — Wotan, if you please - and with

good sense is turning them down. Will Roberto Alagna, the prodiously gifted Franco-Sicilian tenor still in his 20s, last the course? One prays so, but he may not if he settles for screaming Puccini in outsize American theatres, which is what may be demanded of him. (All opera houses built since the 1870s,

incidentally, are much too big.) Or the equally young Cecilia Bartoli, who with her stunning technique and deliciously sunny personality has captivated operapeople and the general public alike? She is besieged by managements offering her Carmen, and she has said she won't sing it until she is over 40 — good for her. She has too much to bring to Rossini. Mozart and Handel to risk damaging that God-given instrument.

n the Wagner and late-Verdi/Puccini fronts things are less promising. It is virtually impossible to cast Forza del destino and Ballo in maschera internationally nowadays, certainly the heroic soprano and baritone roles. The Canadian tenor Richard Margison is so promising that it is again, tempting to keep quiet about him. so that he can continue singing Verdi in reasonably sized theatres out of public earshot.

His compatriot Ben Heppner is the great white hope for Wagner, and he must be nearing the awful decision of whether to concentrate on Meistersinger or Mozart, which what he is currently singing in Salzburg.

The only Brunnhilde today is Anne Evans, who doesn't make quite enough noise really to satisfy the Germans and isn't primadonna-ish enough for the public, but she's as scrupulously musical a Wagnerian as you could hope to meet. So let's keep quiet about her and meanwhile try and work out why she should be good enough for Bayreuth but not,

apparently, for Covent Garden. So one aspect of life after Pavarotti could be a change of emphasis in the repertory. If heroic voices are not emerging as a matter of course - and they aren't - and if young singers are showing an inclination and preference for earlier, pre-aberration music, then opera managements should acknowledge that there is life before Puccini and investigate pre-Wagnerian, pre-Verdian opera: the bel canto repertory, French opera, and the inexhaustible riches of Handelian

Star in the making: soprano Cecilia Bartoli, who has captivated the public and opera buffs alike with her stunning technique

opera seria and Gluck. They could carry the public with them. As for the pressures on emerging talent, pressures with the danger of making careers shorter and shorter, one can only rely - albeit nervously - on the common sense of singers and the probity of their managers, praying that both will see further ahead than the next huge cheque. It would be nice if the public at large could be helped to discover that there is more to opera than "Nessun dorma", and if Unesco could forbid the construction of any new opera house seating

more than 1,500.

Small is beautiful: some of the best opera I have heard over the past two years has been in a converted fire station somewhere near the Arctic circle seating 500, and I'm keeping jolly quiet about it until the circumstances that give birth to it are reproduced all over the operatic world.

But in the end, I'm not convinced that there will be another Pavarotti in our lifetime, and it will save everyone a lot of heartache if we stop trying to create one. There will be life after Pavarotti: we must just make it a little saner and a little дшетет.

Domingo's new role,

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TOMORROW

Arts: why do soap operas feel they have to drag "issues" in?

Making up your mind about decisions

hat a week bossed around badgered up hill V V and down dale, told when to come and go, advised what to wear, how to sit, where to place my hands and feet. It was bliss: the perfect therapeutic break, the ideal

I spent last week at a riding school in Northumberland being taught how to improve my seat and to give with my hands at the decisive moment of a horse's jump. The full meaning of those terms and all the sublime artistry they involve will be described elsewhere (in my occasional series for The Times informally known as The Absolutely Past it Beginner's Guide to Activities You Should Have Mastered by the Age of 16, alternatively entitled it's Never Too Late to Break Your Neck). In this space. I just want to carry on a little about the discovery, new to me, that the best release from the cares and toils of this mid-life grind is to place yourself for a spell in the authority of an instructor who is going to tell you what to do and make right certain that you learn something. The perfect holiday for the middleaged may feel, therefore, some-

thing like going back to school. The young will not believe this. lives longing for those few weeks of and the most often repeated line of

the summer when we might be free to do whatever takes our fancy. especially if it is nothing. We yearn for release from the powers of others who may require our attendance, our attention and our obedience. Only in those weeks of freedom do we feel released to be truly ourselves, as we may not be during the rest of the year. For the secretary, the footballer, the soldier, the piece-rate worker on an assembly line and the shop assistant, the essential definition of a holiday is that nobody, for once, is going to

tell you what to do. By the time you are pushing 50, particularly if you are self-employed, a business executive or in charge of your own company, you have had more than enough of deciding what you and others should do you get plenty of that every minute of every working day of the year and you don't usually call it freedom. For those people, the essential definition of a holiday is that somebody other than themselves might make a decision for once, carry it out and be responsible for the consequences. I now find myself among the number of those people. I would rather stay at work for the rest of my life than submit to another holiday where the domi-We all spent the first 25 years of our nant characteristic is uncertainty

MID LIFE

Neil Lyndon on how

to choose the



conversations go like this: "Where do you fancy going for lunch?" "I don't know, anywhere. You choose." "I wish you'd express a

preference." "But I am happy to do whatever you like." (Sighs.)
(Later.) "Where would you like to

go to dinner?" "I don't know. Where would you like to go?"

"Anywhere. I don't mind. I wish

you'd say."
"I wish you'd stop badgering me. This is supposed to be a holiday." (The moment when you hear this is supposed to be a holiday..." is the moment to start checking timetables for early return trips home. If you hear it said

before you leave home, don't go.) The disappointment of the holi-day which is not what it is supposed to be can be avoided if you go on a holiday which isn't supposed to be a holiday at all. One of the most restorative formights I ever spent was in the uniform of a private soldier on exercise with a TA batailion. I entered this state for the sake of a magazine article about the TA but the other members of my platoon and company took me for a regular recruit and I was drilled and worked, threatened and humiliated on the same terms as

I loved it. I think of those weeks of being among the times of my adult life when I have felt most completely careless and free. Given no choice of clothes or of meals, of bedfimes and risings, of where to stand, how to walk, what to say (when spoken to) and when to die (if called upon to do so) I found my mind and my imagination soaring Ideas for stories, plots for novels and lines of poetry came freely to me every day. Some of them weren't bad. I remember lying on rock on a mountain in Norway keeping lookout at 2.00 on a cold autumn morning and thinking: 'Now I understand why people choose to do this no bills, no telephone, no family demands, no decisions. The more freedom you surrender, the more you

This monastic motto should probably not be followed in action to its logical terminus since it would tend to suggest that the best terms of personal freedom and the fullest release of imagination may be found during a month's sojourn at Her Majesty's pleasure, banged up in one of the penal system's less commodious peters. In B Wing, assuredly, you will not be given a lot of choice about dress or diet. No uncertainties will trouble you there as to the best beach of the afternoon or the most agreeable restaurant for dinner. Other people may be discovered there who are perfectly willing to take a decision on your behalf. They may be recognised as the ones squinting through the eyehole and rattling the keys.

But let's not go too far in search of therapeutic interludes: we are in an atmosphere of zero anxiety. supposed to be on holiday after all.

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BBC PROMS 92: American barrio Thomas Hampson is solorst in Mahler's setting to folk poems, Das Knaben Wunderhorn in a BBC Symphony

Orchestra programme conducted by Lothar Zagrosek. The first half of the

programme comprises Weber's overture Oberon and Schumain's Symphony No. 1, Royal Albert Half, Fersington Gore, London SW7 1071-823 9998), 7.30pm. RICHARD ME Opening night of Sam RICHARD RE Opening right of sam Mendes's production of Shakespeare's Instory play for the Royal Shakespeare Company, with Simon Russell Beale in the leading role. After its Sharford run the play will go on a regional four. The Other Place, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623), 7pm.

JONATHAN GEE: Accessible modern Jazz from the pants) who won the "most promising newcomer" prize at the British international lazz awards iasi yeàf. Waterman's Arts Centre, 40 High Street, Brentford (081-568 1176), 7.30pm.

THE TAKING OF LIBERTY: Third in the THE TAKING OF LIBERTY: Third in the "Woman in the Moon" season. Chery! Robson's epic play with a large cast deals with women's expenence in the French Revolution, offering parallels with modern Yugoslawa After its opering tomorrow, the play will be performed in repertory with the American comedy Stones from the National Enquirer and She Ventures and He Wist but the unknown Restoration He Wins by the unknown Restoration writer Anadne, author of last year's highly amusing The False Count. Man in the Moon, 392 King's Road, London SW3 (071-351 2876), preview

☐ ABSENT PRIENDS: Ayckbourn's bleak yet comic case-study of modern mamage: subste, strewd and dettly acted (Gary Bond, Susie Blake, Cherith Mathematics.) Mellon. Lyric Hammersmith, Fing Street, W6 (081-741 2311), Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 2 30pm, Sat, 4pm. 120mins.

DEATH AND THE MAIDEN: And LD DEATH AND THE MADDER: Anel Dorfman's storching psychological drama on the longing for reverge. Permy Downie, Darny Webb and Hugh Ross make up the new cast. Duke of York's, St. Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mori-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 120mms.

☐ THE DYBBUK: Kabe Mitchell's thrillingly commoning Hassidic community where the supernatural presses in on all sides. Joanne Pearce superb as the girl possessed. The Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891) Tonight, 7.15pm.

☐ GRAND HOTEL: Musical barley sugar. Berlin in the Twenties. Sentimental, American, entertaining. Dominion, Totterham Court Road, W1 (071-580 9562) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2-30pm, 120mms.

FROM A JACK TO A KING: With Li FROM A IACK TO A Kinks: Wirty and stylish version of Macbeth's climb to the top, set in the world of rock bands and packed with Soties songs.

Ambassadors, West Street, London WC2 (071–836 6111), Mon-Thurs, 8, 15pm, Fn and Sat, 5,30pm and 8,30pm, 120mins.

IN THE MADNESS OF GEORGE III: As the Modeless or General in Nigel Hawthorne is very fine as the stricken king in Alan Bennett's introguing, slightly pazzing play. National (hythelion), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.15pm

THE MASTER AND MARGARITA: Four Comers production of Bulgakov's cuit novel: the Devil causes mayhem on a visit to Moscow Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 140mins. Final week.

IN MOTHER TONGUE: Uneven but armusing vehicle for Prunella Scales as a manipulative mother in Alan Franks's new play, directed by Richard Cottrell, Greenwich, Croom's Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat,

MURDER BY MISADVENTURE: Gerald Harper and William Gaunt play

DAYDREAM BELIEVER (15): Horse-

OAYDROAM BELLEVER (15): Horse-mad girl crosses paths with a rock entrepreneur with a stud (arm. Hugely looksh Australian romantic comedy. Miranda Otto, Martin Femp; director. Kathy Mueller. MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310)

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BOURGEOISIE (15), Six well-heeled

friends in search of an uninterrupted meal. Burluel's marvellously amusing 1972 satire; revived with six other fibre by the master of screen surrealism.

RAINFOREST (U): Bland, unimagnative cartoon feature with an impeccable green message. Director, Bill Kroyer. MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) MGM

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spotlight falls on Michelle Prenter's electrifying Catwoman, Michael k-eaton, Dariny DeVito; director, Tim Burton. Camidea Parkway (071-627 7034) Empire (771-497 9999) MiGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) MiGM Fulham

fantasy set in Toronto's Indian community. With Seeed Jaffrey (delightful in three roles); writer

director, Sinnivas Krishna. Metro (071-437 0757)

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Fernando Rey, Stéphane Audran. Barbican (071-638 8891).

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BELLE DE JOUR (18) Bufuers 1967 Cool and compelling in a sparking new print. Jean Sorel, Michel Piccoli. Barbican (071-638 8891) NGM Swiss Centra (071-439 4470).

FAR AND AWAY (12): Tom Cruse and FAR AND AWAY (12): Tom Cruse and Nicole Xidman flee from Ireland to Armerka. Lumbering immigrant epic with pretty pictures but no punch. Director, Ron Howard. Berbitzan (071-633 8891) Camden Parliveay (071-267 7034) Empire (071-497 9939) MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) MGM Fedham Road (071-370 2636) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

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DEAD/THE OXYMORON: A new double bill offers lan Dagger's comic monologue on evolution The Chymoron, showcased at the ICA and the National

Review of Live Arts in 1990, together with his new cornedy set in a morgue where Brain Haemmorrhage, Suicide and Actor God discuss death. A Vicious

Rumour production. Hen & Chickens Theatre, 109 St Paul's Road, London NT (071-704

2001), tonight- August 29, eves (not Mons), 80m.

TRAVELLING OPERA: Peter Knapp's

TRAVELINE OFFRA: Peter Knapp's respected opera troupe brings its Inely productions to the Barbican for the armual summer residency. The repertoire offers The Barber of Sewille by Rossan (tonight, tomorow, Sun); Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro (Thurs, Frl); and Puccin's La Robbine San)

Bohème (Sat). Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), eves, 7.30pm.

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London ■ flouse full, returns only
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crime writers who fall out and pit their wicked wits against each other: run-of-the-mall timiler. Vaudeville, Strand, WCZ (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, Spirt, mars Thus, 2.30pm, Sat, 5.30pm 120mins.

NO REMESSION: Mobil prize-warning play by Rod Williams: three lifers are thrown together during a prison not. Gripping, psychological acute and branful of slangy dialogu, lavie Satella Nacimessmith You Lyric Studio Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 8701). Mon-Sat.

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PHILADELPHIA, HERE I COMEI: Brian Friet's affectionate comedy of an Irish emigrant and he carping after ago. A rewal to be cherished. Wymdhaeur's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116) Mon-Fri, Bpin, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 120mins.

PYGMALION: Alan Howard, to a dever design.

National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 t071-928 2252). Tonight-Thurs, 7.15pm, mat Thurs, 2pm 195mms.

☐ ROMEO AND ATLET: Michael Maloney and Clare Holman in David Leveaux's fairly ordinary production. Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Toright-Thurs, 7.15pm, mat Thurs, 2pm 195mins.

 SHADES: Pauline Collins torn
between her child, murn and manfinend
in Sharman Macdonald's disappointing new play; only sporadically absorbing. Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 120mins.

☐ SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION: Stockard Chamning as the nch New Yorker transfigured by a black con artist in John Guare's fine play on Comedy, Parton Street, SW7 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wei 3pm and Sat, 4pm, 90mins. early evening. Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), unbi Sun. RICHARD HAMILTON: One of the

British founding fathers of Pop Art, Hamilton has many more strings to his bow, as this second Tate retrospective (the first was in 1970) demonstrates. makes today's homes so different, so

portrait award, now sponsored by BP, has become something of an institution. Niggling about what is and what is not a portrait is still possible, and people are often worried by the extremely safe and conventional choices for winners. But there is generally also something unexpected to enjoy. This year there are eight artists short-listed, ranging in age from 21 to 37, and a considerable variety of styles. National Portrait Gallery, 5t Martin's Piace, London WC 2071-306 00055. Mon-Fn, 10am-5pm, Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 2pm-6pm, until Sept 6

SOMEONE WHO'LL WATCH OVER ME: Excellent playing by Alec McCowen, Hugh Quarshie and Stephen Rea as Beirut hostages in Frank

McGuinness's new play. Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm, 140mers. ☐ THE SOUND OF MUSIC Nurs.

☐ THE SOURND OF MUSIC Nurs, Nazis, squeaky-clean tots and drops of golden sur: a sweet holiday from the real world. With Liz Robertson and Christopher Casenove. Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916). Tues-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Tues, Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm.

STRAIGHT AND NARROW: Li STRAKSHT AND NARROW: Nicholas Lyndhurst, Neil Daglish and Carmel McSharry in Ideable comedy about a doting mother's worries, notably her gay son. Aldwynd, Aldwych WC2 (071-836 6404), Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, Spm, 130mins.

A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE Philip Prowse's triumphant RSC production. John Carliste as a callous anistocrat in Wilde's social melodrama

Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins.

LONG RUNNERS:
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| Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) |
| Carmen Jones: Old Vic (071-928 7616) .
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| Dandring at Lughnasa: Garrick (071-494 5085) |
| Don't Dress for Dinner: Applic (071-494 5070).
| I An Evening With Gany Lineker: Duchess (071-494 5075).
| I Five Guys Named Moc. Lyric (071-494 5075).
| I Good Rockin' Tonitize Prince of Wales (071-839 5971).
| I Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamonat: Palacium (071-494 5097).
| Me and My Girt: Adelphi (071-836 7611).
| I Les Misterables: Palace (071-434 0909).
| Miss Salgon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400).
| The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443).
| I The Phamtom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400).
| The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol Φ) on release across the country

classic about the adventurous libido of a bourgeois wife (Catherine Deneuve).

THE BUTCHER'S WIFE (12): Arch THE BUTCHER'S WIFE (12: Arch whimsy about a New York butcher's classycyant wife (Derai Moore), partly salvaged by bright lines and a genial cast. Jeff Damels, Mary Steenburgen. Director, Terry Hughes. MiSM Fufham Road (071-370 2636) MiSM Fufham Road (071-370 2636) MiSM Totcahem Court Road (071-636 6148) MISM Trocadero (071-434 0021)

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Madness/Morrissey **Finsbury Park**

ONE may question the wisdom of a band such as Madness reuniting after six years apart, but not the logic. As vocalist Suggs explained to a television reporter. "The reason I'm doing the concert is for the soft, squashy feeling of a huge, fat packet of cash in my back

This is just the sort of comment that a Madness fan loves to hear unpretentious, humorous and rigorously anti-intellectual - and 30.000 of them were jammed in on Saturday for the first of two shows in this north London park. Earlier, in the muggy heat of the afternoon, they had cheerfully engaged with a reunited lan Dury and The Blockheads, chanting along to his now deeply unfashionable mantra of "Sex and Drugs and Rock and Roll".

But the mood soured when Morrissey came on. Dressed in a gold lame shirt and blue jeans, the whingeing Northerner found little enthusiasm for his arty songs about National Front discos and London being dead, a declaration stridently repeated several times in "Glamorous Glue" to visible signs of antipathy.

The crowd instead turned its attention to the more pressing business of building human pyramids, which were soon being more loudly cheered than Morrissey's songs. The performance became increasingly listless until, after just 30 minutes, Morrissey stormed off. It was not his night.

"Have we got time for one more?" said a voice from the stage after Madness had been on for about 30 minutes, initiating one of several running gags about Morrissey's dismal display.

They could afford to be cocky. For it took only a few bars of the opening number, "One Step Beyond", to dispel any fears that Madness might be less



Humorous, unpretentious and anti-intellectual: Suggs of Madness, on stage at Finsbury Park

than match-fit after such a long time

Dressed, despite the heat, in their trademark black overcoats, shades and trilbys, Suggs and co-vocalist Chas Smash fell into their familiar, twitchy dance routines. The rest of the sevenpiece band, cavorting in a more leisurely fashion, created a colourful and energetic display. This was all perfectly in keeping with the comicstrip zest of their fondly-remembered

But it was the crisp, punchy sound and the distinctive push and tug dynamics of their songs which invested this "greatest hits" performance with a rare and wonderful appeal. In combining the clipped, rhythmic urgency of Jamaican ska with the melodic delicacy of Motown soul and packaging it with sharply observed, populist lyrics about commonplace English life, Madness remain unique.

The affection and enthusiasm with which they were greeted was immense. and nowhere in the huge ground was sale from the bumping and jogging of people dancing with gleeful abandon as a succession of favourites unfolded:

"My Girl", "It Must Be Love". "Tomorrow's Just Another Day". "Wings of a Dove", "Our House" and

many others. Reputations are often diminished by reunions which fail to build on past achievements (see The Who, Deep Purple, Fairport Convention et al) and there is already ominous talk of a double-live album for release in the autumn. But if this is how they perform from a standing start, perhaps there is life in Madness yet:

DAVID SINCLAIR

THEATRE

Not to everybody's taste, but appetisingly served

Seven Doors Gate, Notting Hill

THE dazzlingly enterprising Gate in Notting Hill comes up with the British premiere of a play by Botho Strauss, first performed in Munich four years ago. The last Strauss work seen in Britain was The Hypochondriacs at the Glasgow Citizens in April. In a polished production by a visiting director that evoked unusually good acting for that address, the play made Citz history by having a performance cancelled through the lack of an audience: an intriguing comment on the much vaunted sophistication of the Citizens' public and their accustomed standards.

Heaven knows what they would make of Seven Doors. It consists of the splicing together of unrelated conversations, most of them dialogues of frustration between prey and predator. reproacher and reproached, questioner and stone waller. They range in mood from the Pinteresque menace of a car salesman interrogated by two customers, to the offbeat hilarity of two newlyweds wondering why nobody has come to their wedding. The squabble turns bitter, extending even to the bride's tortoise Selma and the danger of the man's toes being tickled by her (the tortoise) as he shaves. Gabrielle Dellal and Dickon Tyrrell play this exquisite-ly: Ayckbourn in hell, Coward rewrit-

ten by Beckett. Hell itself is fleetingly visited. A blood-soaked suicide meets "the void", personified by Barry Wallman with a self-effacing, courteous reticence that recalls the late John Le Mesurier, a casually throwaway depiction of ago-

nising eternity. The play's predominant mood is



Dickon Tyrrell: exquisite playing as a newlywed in Seven Doors

blackly absurd — as when a little carpark attendant attempts to hire an armed tough as a bodyguard and reduces him to gibbering helplessness - verging on the surreal as exemplified by the last scene: a lineup that includes a snack-munching theatre fan, two dead monks and the emperor Julian the Apostate.
Under David Farr's direction the

performances carry absolute convic-tion. The mood is buoyant, however black the irony or hopeless the characters' attempt at communication. Some sequences are repeated and speeded up, as if at the whim of a video watcher playing with a remote control — the image, in fact, that launches the show. Roswitha Gerlitz provides this minute space with its accustomed miraculous design (including the Seven Doors) backed by a brightly fragmented cubist jumble. A fascinating mixture of darkness and light, beautifully acted.

MARTIN HOYLE

FESTIVAL

Mucking in and making fine music together

THE sleepy Cornish village of St Endellion may not be an obvious centre of thriving cultural activity but once a year it becomes the Mecca for a stream of latterday pilgrims who derive spiritual sustenance from a ten-day celebration of music. A loyal and appreciative audience travels from all parts of Corowall, and further afield, even, rather like those who go to Salzburg or Bayreuth, arranging holidays around the festival.

contingent of musicians, many of them established professionals, descends for the duration, not only waiving all fees but good humouredly doubling on carpark, washing-up and latrine duty. At the centre of this annual musical

More remarkably still, a sizeable

efflorescence is Richard Hickox. This year's summer festival — there is also an Easter event — was his twentieth and its programming as adventurous as any.

Opening in grand style, with the Durufle Requiem and closing no less imposingly with Mozart's Mass in C Minor, the event included music by John Tavener, a rarity of Elgar and some far-from-run-of-the-mill items by Britten, Finzi, Holst and others.

The Elgar was the early cantata The Light of Life (1896). The work has its weak passages, but also its fair share of broad, noble melodies, especially the magnificent tune, associated rather like a leitmotiv (Elgar was no stranger to Bayreuth) with the restoring of sight to the blind.

Hickox's sympathy with the idiom was evident in the flexibility of his pacing, and in the ebb and flow of the Elgarian tide. Each of the soloists -Helen Parker, Marjorie Biggar, William Kendall and Nicholas Gedge -was stretched to his or her limit by the demands of the vocal writing, but each, too, offered much to admire.

St Endellion Cornwall

The standard of orchestral playing was high throughout, and nowhere were the strings heard to better advantage than when they brought Vaughan Williams's Serenade to Music to a hushed, shimmening close.

Something of Vaughan Williams's modal lyncism seemed to have found its way into Tavener's cult hit. The Protecting Veil. Timothy Gill's account of the solo cello part, though severely compromised by erratic intonation, showed a genuine feeling for the work's disembodied ecstasy.

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For flawlessness of intonation, it would be difficult to beat that of the brass quartet in Purcell's Music for the Funeral of Queen Mary. Hickox's spacious phrasing also lent a fine sense of drama here.

In Britten's song cycle. On this Island, Catherine Pierard brought an aptly trenchant vocal style to Auden's mordant verses. Her natural capacity for irony and deadpan humour was exploited by William Lloyd in his Three Miniature Shakespeares, written for her, in which she takes a sceptical approach to three Shakespeare lyrics dealing with woman's putative experience of love. The composer himself accompanied this world premiere.

Dvorák's pianto quintet in A major.

Op 81, was given a delightful performance, full of glowing textures and powerfully prepared rhythms, by Simon Fischer (also the leader of the festival orchestra), Georgia Vale.

Michael Posner and Timothy Gill, the whole underpinned by the dynamic piano playing of William Lloyd.

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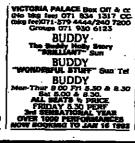
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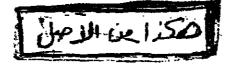
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Theatre: Benedict Nightingale meets director Terry Hands as he prepares Marlowe's Tamburlaine the Great for Stratford

Many works make Hands lighthearted

ccording to Terry Hands, run-ning three theatres in Stratford and two in London was rather like keeping a five-ring circus in business. So there is a wry logic in his chief accomplishment in the 13 months since he gave up his job as director of the Royal Shakespeare Company. He has been in Germany, using bears, tigers, elephants, acrobats, tightrope walkers, clowns and actors in The Buffalo Bill Show, a big-top version of Arthur Kopir's Indians.

There is also a certain logic in the project that brings him briefly back to Stratford and the RSC. On Thursday previews start of his revival of Tamburlaine the Great, as majestic a portrait of human zoology as even the Elizabethan theatre produced. Not many exotic animals have presented so ferocious a challenge to the world's trainers and tamers as Marlowe's all-conquering hero. Nor are many as likely to spring across the footlights and devour the front rows as Antony Sher, who plays him.
When Hands left the RSC, in July last

year, he felt he had three choices. He could go abroad and run a company. He could stage a musical or light comedy in the West End. Or he could satisfy some inner restlessness with the kind of theatrical experiment that orthodox British playhouses, ordinary British subsidy and conventional British taste all seemed to prohibit. He decided that the first two options could wait a bit. Wasn't it time for a revival of Kopit's play about genocide in America? Didn't it merit a far harsher production than when the RSC originally staged it in 1968?

Accordingly, last spring found Hands living in a painted wagon on the outskirts of Berlin and readying Eastern Germany's only surviving circus for a highly eccentric debut in the West. "I couldn't think of a stronger symbol for man's dominance over the world," he explains. "A circle made of earth. Above, people fly like gods, never getting their feet dirty. Everywhere, homo sapiens demonstrates that he is more powerful than the biggest animal, fiercer than the fiercest carnivore, cleverer than the cleverest monkey. It was certainly an idea I could relate to the American white man's mastery of one indigenous species, namely the Indians."

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There seem to have been surprisingly few production problems, considering that the horsemen were French, the sceneshifters Moroccan, the musicians Polish, the acrobats Bulgarian, the other circus performers from the former East Germany, the actors from the former West Germany, and the tigers apt to savage any bear that invaded their territory. The water got cut off, the electricity failed. The tightrope walkers found it hard to speak lines without falling off. But the raw, rough show that eventually arrived at Recklinghausen, in the Ruhr, was much as Hands wanted it. Columbus hovered aloft, describing the

Columbus hovered aloft, describing the wonders of the New World in a letter to Ferdinand, while trainers dressed as conquistadores forced bears to jump through hoops, over barrels and onto spinning balls. A feral Geronimo was beaten into a small cage with whips and clubs, then surrounded by real tigers. "I tried to get the smell, the savagery of what happened," says Hands. "I wanted to fuse thought and feeling in images as powerful as I could make them."

'Until we become as ruthlessly honest about ourselves as Marlowe was, we're not going to change'

Everybody seems to have seen parallels between the world immediately outside the tent and the world inside it. Some days the circus was even invaded by gypsy children, refugees from the "ethnic deansing" then getting under way in the Balkans. But for Hands, the production's importance was also aesthetic. It became a conscious effort to achieve the sort of intensity he saw in Elizabethan drama. yet had found so hard to create on the modern stage. The animals and the acrobats became an inadvertent preparation for Tamburlaine, or Terminator III, as Hands half-humorously calls the play.

We forget how brutal the Elizabethans' world was. On their way to the theatre they would see pirates' heads rotting in the Thames, bodies on London Bridge and the smouldering stump where a witch or Catholic had been burnt. Yet at the same time there was this amazing aspiration towards some higher ideal."

That goes far towards summing up Tamburlaine itself. The hero persistently talks of climbing, soaring, flying, yet actually slaughters and ravages his way across half the known world. Moreover,

he dies in his bed, not merely unpunished and unrepentant but surrounded by admirers. Marlowe, unlike Shakespeare, seems disinclined to moralise or pass judgements. For him, Tamburlaine is a fascinating phenomenon; and that is that.

gives the play its value. "It's the least reassuring piece I know," says Hands. "What Marlowe is writing about are the basic instincts of the human animal. He says we are savage, and we are cruel in a way that only cats, of other creatures, are cruel. We may pretend we're basically moral people who make mistakes, but the whole of history, including history going on this very moment, proves the contrary. And it seems to me that until we become as ruthlessly honest about ourselves as Marlowe was we're not going to change

anything."
Clearly, Hands has returned from Germany in a purposeful, unsentimental mood. The repertoire system, which means swift changeovers of set, makes it impossible for him to stage Tamburlaine on plain earth, as he would like; but the influence of the circus may be apparent in

an his cast recreate the extraor dinarily stark, concentrated and unactorish speech of an acrobat who is simultaneously ensuring he stays on his tightrope? Can Hands communicate the feeling he persistently got when performers and animals were working together -- that people are only jumped-up apes?

Whether or not he succeeds in that, the evening's intensity will certainly be increased by the cuts he has made. Instead of two parts running six hours, Tambur-laine should be finished in a single evening of about 170 minutes. The plot is repetitious, and the verse primitive and sometimes monotonous, so the gains should be greater than the losses.

After Tamburlaine, Hands is off to direct the opera Simon Boccanegra in Bremen, then some unnamed light comedy in London. But he also hopes that his circus career is not over. There are plans to remount The Buffalo Bill Show this autumn where the Wall ran through central Berlin. A Christmas showing of Kipling's "Mowgh" stories might follow. "We've got a panther back in winter quarters," says Hands wistfully, "we've got elephants, we've got camels . . .

● Tamburlaine the Great previews at the Swan Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623) from Thursday and opens on Sept 1



ARTS BRIEF

Thomas in chair

AS IF mounting a film about Buddha were not difficult enough, British producer Jeremy Thomas has further complicated his life by becoming chairman of the British Film Institute. Thomas, aged 42, will take over from Sir Richard Attenborough, chairman for the past 11 years, on January 1. The Buddha project is Little Buddha. Thomas's third collaboration with director Bernardo Bertolucci, after The Last Emperor and The Sheltering Sky. Shooting should begin in September.

Budding anew

HAVING finally acquired a new theatre. Sam Walters, artistic director of the Orange Tree Theatre in Richmond, is now setting up a resident company of 11 actors. As he says, "I do not want to run a theatre where all the administration is permanent but the actors are merely passing through." The new company's first season starts on September 3 with Harley Granville Barker's His Majesty, which comes to Richmond from the Edinburgh Festival.

Rain dance

THE Royal Festival Hall celebrates the August 31 Bank Holiday with a 40th birthday party for the classic MGM musical Singin' in the Rain. Before the 7.45 screening of a newly restored print, a West End choreographer will give a free dance session in the Hall's ballroom to help spectators leap and twirl like Gene Kelly. Profits raised will be donated to Save the Children's drought relief programme.

Last chance . . .

FOR a view of life from the inside, few experiences come closer to that than Rod Williams's No Remission. The reality of this brilliantly crafted play about two murderers and a bank robber confined to a cell during a prison riot is enhanced by the engrossing performances of Pip Donaghy. Rob Spendlove and Dan-iel Craig, and the fluent direction of Derek Wax. Last performances are on Saturday at the Lyric Studio, Hammersmith (081-741 8701).

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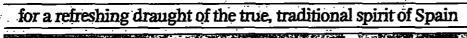
Cat promises a hot time in the old town **Richard Morrison** ventures outside the exhibition site in Seville

ight in Seville, so which side of the big divide do you venture? Enter that preposterous high-tech funfair, Expo '92, and you are stepping into gleaming modern Spain at its brashest. In the hundreddegree heat, you can gawp until 4am at the bizarre pavilions - including the expensive but undeniably startling British wall-of-water - or carouse in the cacophonous bars. Many do, every night.

But back in old Seville, El Gato Montes is playing, for the first time in decades. Go and hear Manuel Penella's quintessential Spanish opera and you are stepping back into ancient, superstitious death-obsessed Spain. Bandit and matador vie with hot-headed venom for the same girl; gypsy foretells violent death; the music pulsates in a torrid tangle of sevillana, pasodoble and seguidilla rhythms.

This is a Spain where men are men, and bulls are nervous. Where nature is red in tooth and gore. Where a chorus of villagers, having danced in stamping, flamenco style in Act I, disappears in Act II to the back of the auditorium to shout "Ole" as the tenor mimes his gruesome death in Seville's own bullring. And where, by Act III, the stage is a riot of corpses and candles.

Let me not give the impression, however, that this opera is a gloomy work. In fact, it is written in the spirit of the Spanish light-opera tradition, the zarzuela. Its tunes, as unmistakably Andalucian in spirit as the dialect in which Penella wrote his own libretto, are instantly hummable and never stop coming. Some of the joins between them are none too subtle, and it is pointless to pretend that the work has Carmen's dramatic





Quintessence of Spain: Placido Domingo and Veronica Villarroel in El Gato Montés

depth, or that Act III is not an anti-climax. With two of the three principal characters already dead, it is given over to the cornered and suicidal bandit, "El Gato Montés" (the

wild car) himself. Nevertheless, the piece wowed Valencia at its premiere in 1916 - the composer was carried like a triumphant builfighter from the theatre to

MAHLER in your teens?

spanic musical world's shame that it has languished unheard for more than 20 years.

That it was revived, as one of an astonishing 55,000 events in Expo '92, was due entirely to Placido Domingo's fanatical loyalty to a piece in which, as a boy, he had watched his parents (both zarzuela singers) take leading roles. Last year,

his home - and it is to the Hi- mustering all the bargaining power at a famous tenor's disposal, he convinced Deutsche Grammophon that what the company most needed was a recording of this totally forgotten opera in its cata-logue. An all-Spanish cast was chosen, and it is this crew (minus the luxury casting of Teresa Berganza as the palm-reading gypsy) that Domingo,

seems a cheap trick. But there is colour and flair on the stage, with the chorus of the Madrid Zarzuela Company on hand, and in the pit the Madrid Symphony Orchestra plays with perceptible relish under Miguel Roa (who re-constructed Penella's score for the recording).

The production took place in Seville's smart new Lyric

Theatre, the Teatro de la Maestranza, which opened only a few months ago when Domingo conducted Carmen. The Maestranza management will be hard-pressed to live up to this inaugural season.

Deutsche Grammophon's

Expo '92's musical director,

Domingo himself plays Ra-

fael, the ill-starred matador.

He sings the part splendidly,

revelling in the Spanish inflec-

tions of vocal line, though he

looks a little mature to be

playing with bulls.
Similarly, that giant bass-

baritone, Juan Pons, looks

more of an ox than a wild cat

in the title role, but he sings with startling power. The fought-over girl, Soleá, is played by a New York-based Chilean soprano of great potential Versian Villeaged, the

tential, Veronica Villarroel: the

metallic edge to a voice that is

strong and true is ideal in this

passionate Spanish repertoire.

Among many fine singers in

smaller parts, Carlos Chaus-

son's excellently characterised

milio Sagi's production lays the turid detail on thick: projecting film of

a real builfight (and a real gor-

ing of a man and a horse)

comic priest is a jewel.

has re-assembled in Seville.

recording of El Gato Montés (435 776-2, 2 CDs) is released in Britain on Monday.

TELEVISION REVIEW

Put the blame on Ma'am

hirtsleeved police officers, squeezed awkwardly into desks too small, attend a lecture at the Home Office Crime Prevention Centre at Stafford. The subject is attacks on women, and the Chief Inspector employs an old-fashioned slide-show to illustrate his points. This tutorial group does not sparkle over-much, but since the inherent condescension and inanity of the Chief's talk would enrage and agitate any person with half a brain, this is probably

just as well. "What are we going to tell this young lady to do?" he asks, indicating an improbable night-time picture of an undressed woman brazenly illuminated at an uncurtained picture window. Nobody answers (perhaps, like me, they cannot believe that this course will begin and end with victim-blaming). "Right," he says at last, answering his own question. "She must shut the curtains."

The next slide shows the same woman standing behind the drawn curtain, worriedly peeking through a chink for would-be attackers, and grip-ping a telephone receiver. This is much better, of course. So what do we learn from this little lesson in contrasts, lads? Right, that a frightened woman is a safe woman.

Interestingly, every word ut-tered by the Chief Inspector in last night's Eve Strikes Back (BBC I) made me want to shout "No!" very loudly, while punching him in the groin and stamping on his foot. Asked about the value of women's self-defence classes' (the subject of the pro-gramme), he said self-defence was fine as a pastime (like needlework) but that he didn't advise it because innocent men might suffer. Good grief.

Eve Strikes Back (BBC 1)

His accompanying slide showed a cartoon of a musclebound woman standing victorious astride a prone male. This is the syndrome we will end up with," he averred. "I don't want female dominance at all, do you, lads?" 7 hen this is what

women are up against, no wonder they stay indoors peering through the curtains. But the message of Eve Strikes Back, presented by singer-composer Lynsey de Paul, did not concern duffing up crime preven-tion experts, however much the idea might appeal.

The message was that, whereas years ago women were told not to fight back against rapists (on the grounds that resistance makes attackers more violent), now there is research to prove that resistance does not increase the risk, and that sticking your fingers in your attacker's eves (meanwhile also bellowing, hitting, kicking) really takes him by surprise, and may actually drive him off.

Testimonies from women who have successfully evaded or beaten off attacks were interspersed with self-defence classes on exercise mats in

gloomy basements. Poor old Chief Inspector, watching his worst nightmare come true, as each woman pushed away her pretend assailant and levelled blows at his well-padded torso, screaming like a steam whistle. This was a far cry indeed from the insulting revelation that women should draw the curtains at night (of course! of course!) and avoid deserted

have been!). The research sounded convincing (it was based on a casually-mentioned two million recent cases in the United States). The only bit of the programme that failed to convince me, actually, was when celebrity barrister Helena Kennedy blithely assured us that the law unequivocally supports the right of the attacked person to use "considerable force" in self-defence.

railway cuttings (how blind I

Somehow this rang very hollow to my ears. Fear of the blame is just as hard to eradicate as fear of attack.

And it isn't helped, of course, when our dear friend the Chief Inspector shows pictures of a woman glancing nervously behind her at a man in the shadows, and says in all seriousness, "I don't know whether she's looking over her shoulder to say 'Get away from me or 'Come on'. I just don't know with that one."

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Course his latter.

Well, why not? One well known conductor was reported to me as remarking, apro-pos of a youth orchestra's account of Mahler's Sixth

opinion that teenagers are better qualified to play this music than their elders. Symphony a few years ago, that the players performed without realising how difficult the music was. (The remark was intended, I should add, as Yet, during an undeniably technically dazzling perfor-mance of Mahler's Second a compliment) Given that a direct relationship exists be-Symphony, the National tween the extremes of emotion Britain seemed sometimes to found in Mahler's music and the exaggerated moods of be fixed on an emotional autopilot. Clearly Tadaaki Otaka adolescence - a time when you think a lot about death -and the team who had been one might even hazard the

Youngsters' dazzling display

Every musician - and of ath Orchestra of Great training these young players the preparation had eliminat-

during their annual summer course had done an efficient

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course as this was the NYO the wind and brass sections were doubled, even in this lavishly scored music - knew his or her job thoroughly; every de-partment displayed excellent solo and ensemble work. But I had a feeling that perhaps all ed some spontaneity, though the louder, more dramatic moments — the crashing, glorious chords of the finale for instance — unleashed untramelled passions. Otaka did his best, however, to maintain lightness and gentleness in the middle movements, and his overall vision

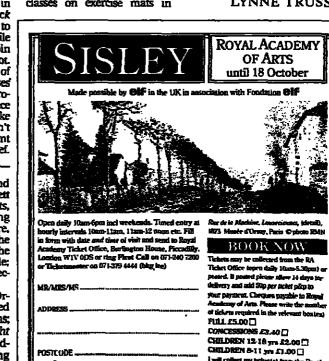
unseliconscious one. Jean Rigby gave "Urlicht"

was a refreshingly direct and

with marvellous control and richness, but Lesley Garrett seemed slightly out of sorts leaping rather than emerging from the quiet choral texture. sung with some finesse by the BBC Welsh Chorus and the Bach Choir, in the finale; perhaps anxiety about projec-tion was responsible. Earlier, Berg's Three Or-

chestral Pieces, Op 6, posed fewer interpretative problems; Otaka extracted the right searching dark flavours, holding this complex, disturbing alchemy in perfect balance.

STEPHEN PETTITT



Omnibus on a new route

After nearly 25 years, the BBC1

> arts series is thriving. But,

John Dugdale

asks, are changes in the air?

hey don't make titles like Omnibus any more. The word derives from the Latin word meaning "for all"; it glances at "omnivorous", and alludes subtly to "the man on the Clapham omnibus", the viewer BBC programme-makers were once urged to bear in mind. All splendidly evocative of the mandarin values of 1967, when the first edition of the arts series was transmitted.

Editor Andrew Snell, who launches the 25th anniversary season next month, has restored Omnibus's self-confidence after a decade of uncertainty in which successive editors have attempted to find a way to cover the arts for a BBC1 audience. Snugly established in a post-Casualty Friday night niche, his Omnibus has tackled a wide variety of subjects, from Torvill and Dean to obscure Latin-American designers. Madonna and Prince have been profiled, and the Prince of Wales has been given an opportunity to deliver

his architectural credo. The line-up for the autumn season continues the catholic approach, mixing less known figures like the painter Avigdor Arikha with such familiar names as Peter Hall and Günter Grass: and mass entertainers like John Ford with avant-garde adventurers such as Angela Carter and Robert Lepage. An hour de-





run of Omnibus will be ex-

tended after Christmas to al-

low an opportunity to see a

Omnibus faces: (clockwise from top left) Stephen Cass, Ken Russell, Graham Greene, Tonnny Steele, Jon Pertwee

voted to film director Ridley grammes. However, when Mr Scott might have raised eye-brows among the BBC heirarchy in 1967, but a Birt was at London Weekend Television, where he was programme director for five years documentary marking the quincentenary of the death of 1987, The South Bank Show was Piero della Francesca is firmly in the Reithian tradition. required to con-Mr Snell's successor for the

form to the autumn 1993 season will be Birtist "mission Nigel Williams, the present to explain" editor of BBC2's Bookmark. hence the class-By then, John Birt will be room approach installed as director general of to culture, the centrality of the the BBC. Mr Birt's impact is difficult to predict. His "high interview, the ground" strategy would seem distrust of visual to ensure a secure future for stylishness. arts programming, and it may be significant that the current

This no-frills approach, and determination to avoid any charge of artiness, set few trends. Fourteen years after the first South Bank Show.

long way from its presenter-interview format.

Unless Mr Birt has modified his views of late, it would before joining the BBC in be natural for him to ask the BBC arts output to become more

tough minded. in recent years, TV reviewers have faulted inrestored after dividual programmes for a lack of scepticism. Profiles of writers, moviemakers and pop or opera singers

have been accused of being extended, sophisticated commercials, generally linked to the availability of new product. Defenders would hold that arts television has departed a the role of an arts documenta-

ry should be as much to celebrate as to criticise. Recently, writing in the Observer, Mr Bragg contended that "[The South Bank Shows shordist of subjects invariably consists of artists we admire," and that we have developed a method of putting the artist at the centre of the programme and this can be deceptive".

At the other extreme from The South Bank Show, which has increasingly allied itself to openings, publication dates and new releases, lies the output of Channel 4's arts chief, Waldemar Januszczak. His preference for "feistiness" is represented by Muriel Gray's send-up series Art is Dead, and by J'Accuse, a monthly

But the channel's overall performance is patchy, and overloaded towards negativity: we seem to be stuck with programmes that are either wholly celebratory or wholly debunking.

The other challenge which editors of arts series will have to confront is the increasingly concerted attack on their "metropolitan bias".

During last year's ITV franchise auction, a number of regional companies ques-tioned the hegemony of The South Bank Show, which currently commands more than 20 hours a year.

Granada, in particular, has consistently pushed for a more equitable allocation of network opportunities, arguing that arnistic activity north of the Trent is under-represented. Meridian, the winner of TVS's southern licence, has proposed a 13-week run of a series called Tempo. Mr Bragg's near-monopoly is safe at the moment, but from autumn 1993 iTV policy is up for grabs.

The BBC can expect a similar welling up of discontent. The vast majority of the corporation's work in the arts is produced in London, although outposts in Glasgow and Bristol are allowed to make limited contributions. Omnibus, Arena and Book-mark are all based in the same building in London.

Provincial resentment has already been voiced, by a rather unexpected seditionary. Grilled on the BBC's See For Yourself in January, Michael Checkland, the present director general, went out of his way to criticise The Late Show for its inadequate coverage of arts and artists in the regions.

The designer suits of Mr Birt have led to his being perceived as the archetypal London media trendy. But programme-makers would do well to keep in mind that he

Have I got good news for you?

Advertising religion could lead to a few unholy rows

Tew Year's day. 1993. You are setthe 17th repeat of Goldfinger when Cliff Richard appears in the commercial break. No, he is not trying to clear unsold stocks of his Christmas single. He is selling Christianity.

From the beginning of next year religious advertising will be allowed on ITV and Channel 4 for the first time. But then it has never been clear to me, perhaps because I'm a dimwitted agnostic exactly why religious advertising was banned from television in the first place.

Faith is one of a handful of things — others include politics, fortune-telling. breath-testing devices and cigarettes

which somebody decided should not be permitted to sell themselves electronically.

They are per-mitted to do so in print and on billboards. Most of them could, if they so wished, promote their wares by telephone, or by sponsorship, or by writing to you personally. But the box has been off-limits.

reason some advertisers are fall mentions of hell are thus banned from television but not from other media is, of course, that television is believed to be persuasively powerful. So they are allowed to advertise as long as they don't do it too effectively. It's loopy Looking-Glass logic or — as it is more generally known -British compromise.

In the case of religion, the arguments against television advertising have been particularly perplexing. Many of the leading pillars of the Church object to it. Presumably they have looked across to America. where religion is thriving and church-going has grown apace — bolstered by the heavy use of advernising and religious channels and have said to themselves: "We don't want any of that kind of thing here." Here they see the number of regular British church-goers plummeting to an all-time low, but have no wish to use one of the most powerful advertising media available to turn the tide. Perplexing?

Utterly mystifying.
The anti-television derics mounted a valiant crusade to guard against the danger of religious commercials becoming, well, commercial. As a result, when advertising is allowed next year it will be little short of a miracle if it has any effect

While the Lord managed to get by with ten succinct Code of Religious Advertising runs to more than 1,000 words and more than 30 specific regulations.

For a start, the code says: "Advertising must not be used to expound religious doctrine," and that "advertisements must not directly exhort viewers to change their religious behaviour". which just about torpedoes the entire venture before it ever gets launched. The

rules go on to insist that Claims that a particular religion is the 'only' or true faith are unacceptable." In détergent Winston language that would lead to Fletcher commercials

cooing: "Boffo washes nice and white but so do all the rest of Other rules say that testimonials must not be used (so much for the parables), adver-

damned), and advertisements must not be targeted at the under-18s (Jesus said: "Suffer the little children to come unto me" - but not until after the nine o'clock

watershed). Meanwhile, while our clergy worry about the proprieties of putting religion on the box, down in Australia Young & Rubicam, the advertising agency, has been using a multi-media campaign to sell the Dalai Lama. It would not at

present, be allowed here. But down there, although they are not constricted by a cornucopia of ludicrous rules, they have run into some real advertising problems. One of their initial advertisements showed the Dalai Lama's feet, but it was cancelled because he is not

too hot on feet. And plastic bags with his picture on them were scrapped because it was feared that people might accidentally insult him by

sitting on them. Presumably Cliff, should he ever really get involved, will pay similar heed to the Archbishop of Canterbury's sensitivities.

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Confidence

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Tunny old game, television. Not long ago armchair football fans were bemoaning the dearth of their favourite sport on television. When the new English league season kicks off this weekend, this is unlikely to be the complaint.

After a summer of unprecedented upheaval for the nation's number one game, the broadcasting details are becoming clear. BSkyB, having netted England's top 22 clubs, is in the ascendant with the new Premier League (formerly the first division). but the terrestrial networks are fighting to the final whistle.

The real clogging will occur on Sunday afternoons. There could be three live games to choose from: a Premier League fixture on Sky Sports, a Football League (formerly the second, third and fourth divisions) match on an ITV channel and. soon, a top Italian game on Channel 4. Totting up the various cup competitions, the regionalisation possibilities, internationals and replays.

From this weekend, footballing couch potatoes will be able to

fill their boots - as many as 200 matches will be shown live

there could be 200 live matches televised during the season. There will be winners and losers. BSkyB has gone in deep — £60 million a year for five years, an investment eased by a BBC contribu-

tion — to skim off the cream in England. It plans a five-hour football binge from 2 o'clock on Sunday afternoons, a magazine featuring phone-ins wrapped around the live match and some form of soccer programming seven days a week.

On Monday nights Sky Sports will show its second live Premier League game of the week. Sky also has England home internationals and, shared with the BBC. FA Cup ties.

The BBC, for its part, has more than just Sky's crumbs. Desmond Lynam will anchor Match of the Day in its traditional Saturday night slot: John Motson will continue as firstchoice commentator. There will be extended highlights of two of the afternoon's Premier League games, plus the goals from all the others. On Wednesdays, Sportsnight will mop up more action, including footage from Sky's Sunday and Monday matches. The BBC has exclusive live rights to Liverpool's home games in the European Cup Winners' Cup, one FA Cup semi-final and the Cup

final itself. Add highlights of England's internationals, and this could satisfy many an appetite. What is missing, though, is the regular live appearances of the big clubs - the crucial Sky

The ITV network has not been knocked out of this competition by any means. European campaigns

mounted by Leeds United and Manchester United are exclusive properties, as is the Coca-Cola (formerly Rumbelows) Cup.

What is interesting is how the catchment areas of the individual ITV companies compare with the geographical positions of the more senior clubs in the Football League. Central, which predicts that it will transmit 30 live league games, claims eight first division clubs, for example, and LWT just two. These will be important factors. Yorkshire will also be showing live local games on Sunday afternoons.

Granada, which also broadcasts to a region with a number of clubs in the upper echelons, will have a Saturday afternoon sports magazine. hosted by Elton Welsby, that will lean towards local Football League sides,

lights, as well as reports on a couple of top English games, on Saturday nights (BBC1), and Sunday after-noons (Scottish TV). The BBC has Scotland's home internationals (including one live match) and the

and in midweek will pick up on the

Coca-Cola Cup and the international

progress of the North-West's clubs.

Anglia is planning a midweek sports

magazine, presented by Kevin Piper and Gerry Harrison, and is discuss-ing the possibility of offering live

Viewers in Scotland, where the

season has already begun, will be

able to see Scottish League high-

Sunday local league action.

Tennent's Cup, while Scottish TV has claimed the Skol Cup. Let's switch over to Channel 4. On September 6, live coverage of Italian Serie A (the top division) matches will begin. This is an interesting development, the success of which is hard to

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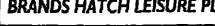
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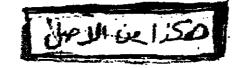
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Love letters from a legend

Groucho Marx wrote warmly and wittily to his daughter Miriam. She tells Kate Muir why she has published the correspondence

ohn you say you met in an elevator. Was the elevator going up at the time, or down? This is very important, for going down in an elevator one always has that sinking feeling and for all I know you may have confused this with love. If you were going up, it is clearly a case of love at first sight and it also proves that he is a rising young

Such helpful advice was typical of the hundreds of letters the cornedian Groucho Marx wrote to his daughter, Miriam. The recent publication of this correspondence in America, and readings of the letters this autumn on Radio 4, reveal a domestic side of Groucho never seen before, as well as his ample wit. He was an obsessive correspondent, being very much opposed to expensive long-distance telephone calls, and usually sent his daughter two letters a week, in between writing to her older brother,

Arthur, various important persons, and The New York

Miriam Marx Allen, now 65, says she decided to make their private correspondence public because she did not want Groucho to be seen as "just a sarcastic. sardonic, leering, sex-starved, funny man who waved his eyebrows". In letters, the moustache with the cigar dispenses wisdom on theatre,

Groucho and Miriam, c 1940 film, baseball, cars, boy friends and the right winter coat. Groucho's advice and enquiries are tempered with jokes and sharp observations on Hollywood life. Asides on anyone from Humphrey Bogart, to Jack Benny, and Carmen Miranda - described as "a pretty gamey assignment" — pepper the text. "Bogart was at the house the night and got completely drunk. This is a pretty normal thing for him. He's a bore when he's stewed and not a hell of a lot better when

The correspondence between father and daughter began when Miriam was 11, in 1938, and finished in 1967, ten years before Groucho's death, when they were liv-ing close to each other in California. For him, it straddled three marriages, and for her, college, jobs, one marriage, and long term alcoholism.

"I kept them all in an old laundry bag, which I took everywhere. It's remarkable I still have them, because drinkers go strange places."

Now living in San Clemente, California, Mrs Allen says, "Groucho was as loving and supportive as a father could be. That was the problem. He was intelligent, funny, witty - everything I wanted in a man and my boy friends when I was young never survived the compari-She recovered permanently from alcohol dependency only a few months before he died.

time to get sober, I also felt recently that it was time to share my father with the world, even though I had to

lay myself bare in the process." Groucho adjusts his letters as Miriam grows up. often writing on hotel notepaper on tour with shows around the country. When she is 14, he tells her how much he is missing their dog. Duke, and claims to have "had it out" with him as to his true

"He said. I like Miniam, she is a nice kid and occasionally brushes my coat and gives me a bone, but to compare her to you is sheer folly. Why Groucho old boy, you are my man. That's the first time he ever called me Groucho, and believe me I was thrilled to my fingertips. He usually calls me Julius [his real name] ...

Later, when Miriam goes to study writing at the exclusive Bennington College in Vermont, they have constant tussles over her student allowance, after which Groucho generally

gives in The Marxes were by no means poor. He constantly moans about the alimony he has to pay to his first wife, Minam's mother Ruth, and, later in the book, to his second wife. Kay. "My father had for

weakness for younger women. He married three in their early twenties," Mrs Allen says. "He should really have never married my mother. She was pretty, and a dancer, but

no intellectual challenge for him. Kay was my friend at first, and then I realised she was coming round to see him more than me, and I found that very difficult

"I suppose our addiction was alcohol, and his was young women. He liked to be the dominant one in a relationship.

Groucho's letters skirt around his rocky home life, and he prefers to talk of writers or his latest film. Only as each relationship nears its disastrous climax do details emerge, and Kay is depicted throwing lamps across the room late at night.

Miriam and Arthur spent their childhood with their father, after their mother Ruth left "to lead the gay life", often consisting of drinking. Mirram left for university, where her academic performance varied, but her steady consumption of money did

Groucho was sympathetic: "I read your midterm report and, briefly, my analysis of it is that your intelligence is higher than your concentration. However, I won't regard this too seriously until the term expires and we can sit down and talk it over man

Aged 17, Miriam could no longer stand living with her increasingly volatile mother and moved out to live alone in the city. "A few years later, once I began drinking too, I began to see what she had gone through."
But even when his daughter was at



Memories of Groucho: Miriam Marx Allen, now aged 65, with souvenirs from the great comedian's life

note that he loved her at the end of every letter, even ones which contained stern admonishments. He also kept paying her expensive fees for the Menninger Clinic in Kansas, and wrote throughout her long stay there: 'It is quite a program. If I didn't care about you, I would say the hell with the whole thing and let you shift for yourself, but plus my affection for you, I sincerely believe you are worth rehabilitating."

don, another patient, at the clinic. They are divorced, but stay in touch. She maintains that her father could be a bully, deciding when she was "cured", sometimes to the contrary opinion of medical staff "who stood up to him for once in his life". She has been dependent on her father for much of her life, and even now, lives off the trust fund he left her, while she writes her second book, filling in the story of her life between the lines of

independence from Perhans Groucho and his money earlier in her life might have made her take

responsibility for herself more quickly. "He gave you money when he chose. It was his way of controlling us, and it was totally inconsistent. In his marriages, he doled it out, instead of treating his wives as equals. I remember he bought Kay and I some very expensive velvet hostess gowns, the sort of thing I would never buy myself, but he wouldn't give you the five bucks you needed for a longdistance phone call."

family's life is only hinted at in the letters, although Mrs Allen occasionally adds a short note at the end of one to explain that she was drinking. or there was a divorce, or to note the nickname of a star. The book gives unexpected insights into Groucho's criticism of his own career, constantly worried that his script is not up to scratch, or that a films will do badly at the box office.

Some of his more appalling later films were done out of family need, says Mrs Allen. "Chico was gambling a lot then, and he'd ring my father and say that the gamblers would kill him for all the money he owed, unless the Mark brothers made another film to pay his debts." The brothers would then go to work. Groucho was closer to Harpo, who also lived in Beverly Hills with his family. After seeing a newsreel on the papacy, he notes: The Pope, incidentally, looks like Chico and has the same kind of dialect. Imagine kissing Chico's

Groucho could be just as demand-"Schmir", as he called her, failed to write back smartly, he would complain huffily. "He was so prolific", Mrs Allen says, "I don't know how anyone could have kept up with

She has now caught the habit too, and writes to everyone. She thinks that her father was a fine master of the letter as a literary form. As written history is increasingly wiped out by the telephone, the volume published this summer pleases her.

● Love, Groucho: Letters from Groucho Marx to his daughter Miriam is published in America by Faber & Faber

Sorting the kids from the sheep

LV 1 duce you to the dog, donkey or duck. It is a curious vanity of our species to want to introduce each other, especially our young, to other breeds. Yet we humanoids do. No sooner do our babies' eyes focus than we start the preliminary introductions to other life

Now, if you happen to be born in the country, you see it how it is, but for the rest of us town-bound folk the first sighting may be thoroughly misleading. What you're given, as a child, is a book called Farmyard Fun. On one page, filling it to the corners is a motified quadruped which your parents tell you says, "Moo". On the opposite page is a two-legged, feathered fowl also filling the page to the corners which you're told

clucks and lays eggs.

Logic would suggest to the child that each of these things was the same size. The rural child who has seen the genuine article first is not to be fooled. Urban children are in for a shock. It doesn't matter which you meet first, the second is going to come as a great surprise. If you see the cow first, what

a miniaturised feathery absurdity the hen will be. If you clap eyes on the hen first and expect a proportionate bovine ver-sion, the furry four-legged object the size of a Ford Escort is bound to alarm you. And if your initial introduction to livestock is in a picture book, the chances are that the rabbits will have, or have lost, little blue jackets, and the cows will be wearing the trousers.

Because I'm aware of the distance between animal reality and pastoral illusion. I welcome the regular visits my children are able to make to their aunt and uncle's 52-acre free range establishment in County Wicklow, in the Republic of Ireland, where they can sort out the sheep from the goats, agriculturally speaking. Even when they know that animals aren't like those in Beatrix Potter or even Charlotte's Web, there's still a lot for urban children to discover.

Life, death and the whole

business unravels before them

The hens cluck around on the hillside obligingly coming indoors to lay their eggs in nesting boxes. Nothing so appeals to a child as touring the sheds to collect their stillfar less attractive when they have stopped laying and are in moult

The young of any species are

intended to be appealing, yet the process of procreation can be anything but. Some creatures, my children have discovered, produce their offspring in perfectly formed oval containers, others, like piglets arrive in what seem to be ding-film parcels. Being born and dying on a farm seem far more closely linked than in city life. For days, we monitored a we take them back to town.



DAVINA LLOYD

Muscovy duck sitting on a clutch of a dozen eggs. At last they began to hatch — fluffy and waterproofed, soon ready to swim, they seemed perfectly designed. Then one was found half-shelled, half-formed and abandoned it and the creature was incinerated without ceremony. My children learnt that there's no time in commercial poultry-rearing to undertake the polite, formal rituals they would have afforded to a departed pet budgerigar.

From the cows — Friesian crosses. Charolais, Simmental, and Short Horn - the children learned about anatomy. milk production, adoption and sex. They love the stories that go with the animals. The two silky eared Anglo-Nubian goats are a great favourite. A man at the hardware store gave them to my sister after they'd eaten the trousers of his best suit off the washing line. At their new home, they ate several flower tubs and a treasured rain gauge.

I hen there are the sheep stories. The children still like to hear of the day their father was helping to dip the sheep and fell into the chemical bath. It's a comfort to know he won't get "keds", whatever they may be.

Mind you, there are mites in hen shed three and nobody in there can escape without a few tiny, red full stops about their person. So the children get to learn about who lives on whom and who lives off whom in the cycle of farming. Watching from the road, or

a long way off from blue remembered hills, can give a romantic illusion about farm existence. The children learn to distinguish the romance from the reality. A consignment of tiny young turkey chicks arrives — adorable to hold in your hand now, descember 25. However you dress it up, that's the true story of why they're all down on the farm. Disconcerting to be introduced to your Christmas lunch in August.

"Still," said my 10-year-old son, as we watched various creatures grazing and gambolling and squabbling over worms on the green fields and mountain slopes. "They have a nice life till then." And the children have also had the chance to range freely before

"Just as I felt, aged 50, that it was her worst, Groucho never failed to

Sunshine

sense

SUNGLASSES seem to be the most popular free gift for children at the moment whether they come in cereal packets or taped to magazines. Some carry "UV Protection" stickers, others do not. Parents should caution children against wearing this latter type for any length of time, says Amy Isherwood, an optometrist who is a general counsellor of the Association of Optometrists. "There is a good chance that they will let rays into the eye that won't do any good," she says. "Children should have glasses which are to the British Standard and which filter out UV rays. Better still, wear hats."

CHILDREN have completely filled the summer classes in circus skills run by Circus Space, the London training centre for adults and children. professionals and amateurs. The new autumn schedule is just out, offering seven weekly sessions of after-school classes in circus skills for 7-11 year olds at £24 a course. Choose from acrobatics, flying trapeze and trampolene on Thursdays or acrobatics, static trapeze and juggling on Fridays. In-structors include top circus performers and a former British Olympic gymnast. For brochure and booking forms write to Circus Space, 39-41 North Road, London N7 9DP (071 700 0868).

Clowning around

Head start

PARENTS of young children may appreciate the helpful guides by Barbara Geere. Seven Ways to Help your Child with Reading and Sev-

with Maths, both available for £2.25 from WH Smith and

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other bookshops or direct from the author at 15 Stamford Drive, Bromley, Kent BR2 OXF for £2.60 including postage and packing. Both guides offer suggestions for reading, games, computer games, book clubs and other sources of stimulation. "It is increasingly recognised that children helped by their parents do better at school than those who receive no help," Ms Geere, who trained as a teacher,

Gruesome fun

THE grisly "gatekeeper" is your "host" for a gruesome game called "Atmosfear", a pioneering piece of video technology which is widely available from Woolworth and other toy shops for about £25. The price covers the 60minute video, a "graveyard gameboard". 256 "time, fate and chance" cards, plus "nightmare" cards and plastic tombstone playing pieces. Other characters include a poltergeist, a vampire, a witch, a mummy, a zombie and a

Meet the Mellops

the letters.

IN keeping with the trend towards "worthy" children's television series with a "new age" theme (originated by Captain Planet) comes The Miraculous Mellops — a 20-part adventure promising "a disarming fantasy tale about interplanetary operation, faith, trust, young love and Gordon Gekko style greed" to be broadcast on Channel 4 from Sunday, September 20. The Mellop family, nurseryman Bill, his three children and their dog

Ajax, hope to give The Simpsons a run for our

Beam me up "TREKKIES" - fans of the Star Trek films and television series - will be checking into the Hotel Piccadilly in Manchester for the thirty-fourth British Star Trek Convention later this month. The convention, which takes place from August 28-31, is open to adults and children, at £10 and E5 a day respectively.

VICTORIA MCKEE



en Ways to Help Your Child Story-time: Barbara Geere's books offer tips to parents | daughter had picked up a (provided by her mother).

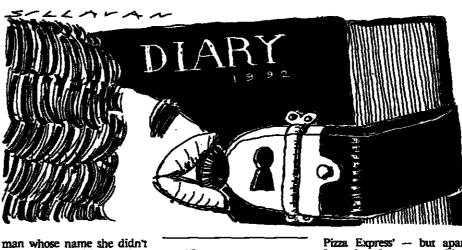
Strictly private, for your eyes only

ince reading about the teenage girl who left her bedclothes shaped into a human figure to avoid her absence being discovered, then slipped out at night and was later found dead, parents must be wondering what risks their own children are taking behind their backs. And asking themselves whether it is worth breaking the trust between them by reading their diaries.

Why do teenagers write diaries? Certainly girls seem to write them more than boys. Stationery shops such as PaperChase are always filled with adolescent girls, who have an obsession for notebooks, special stickers, scrap-books and so on. Is it because they need to pour out their feelings into a book which sometimes feels like the only friend they have? Or is it a means of communication with their parents who, they know, will leap on the diary and read it at the first possible opportunity?

Perhaps. One friend of mine recalls, as a teenager, making a plan to go to Eel Pie Island Jazz Club. "I wrote everything down in my diary — my friend was going to say she was staying with me and I was going to say I was staying with my friend. Naturally my mother read my diary and I threw a great tantrum and said she was the worst mother in the world, but secretly I was overcome by great waves of relief that this dangerous plan had been thwarted. I certainly wrote it down to tell her about t, because I knew she read it." "Of course, I read my daughter's diaries," a mother of two said. "I'm quite prag-matic. And I'll listen at the end of telephones. When I first read her diary. I learnt my

Is reading a child's diary always a gross invasion of privacy? Some teenagers may secretly welcome it



view of the

findings is

know, slept with him, smoked dope and hitchhiked home. The parent's She had told me she was going to see a movie with a schoolfriend and this showed me what a compulsive liar she was. Now I keep incredible tabs on her every move. Privanearly always cy? Bugger her privacy! I'm the one who has to pick up the pessimistic consequences of her stupid actions. So she's not entitled to privacy until she grows up and leaves home. These days you

Now the chest is full - she started when she was 11 - she just can't afford to let ignoreleases a five-year-old diary for her parents to read whenrance be bliss." This mother, who would never read another adult's ever she puts in a new one. "What shocked me particudiary, admits she would not tell her daughter that she reads her diary, she regards it as a method of communication with her "like the tele-phone". To reveal her

larly was my absence," says her mother, showing that even if nothing awful is revealed a parent will always find something to upset or hurt them in snooping would be like cutting a child's diary. "It wasn't as if my daughter had put anythe wires. On the other hand I thing in about how much she know a teenager who is so alarmed by the idea of anyone hated me. I just wasn't there. reading her diaries that she keeps them in a lock-up chest There was one mention -'Mummy came back from the States so we went out to the

Pizza Express' -- but apart from that there was nothing except a totally fictitious entry which read 'Mummy came in my room and threatened to beat me'." Even when a diary reveals

that a child is actually behav-

ing quite well, the parent's view of the findings is nearly always pessimistic. Thus a mother will write to me saying that she's found out that her daughter had an abortion three months ago and is now on the Pill. Her conclusion is: 'A slag at 16! If I tell her I know, she'll realise I have read her diary! What can I do?" The fact that the girl was capable of dealing with a teenage crisis so ably on her own is actually a sign of maturity. Indeed, the ability to be a private person is in itself part of growing up, and should be encouraged.

Teenage boys don't write diaries in the same way as girls. The nearest to a diary dilemma involving a boy that I could find concerned a mother who read a postcard to her son

from friends holidaying abroad. "No sign of Charlie who has gone up everyone's nose," it read, enigmatically, Looking forward to meeting Stan, brother of Charlie, when we get back." Sensing drugspeak she rang up SCODA, the Standing Committee on Drug Abuse, and learnt that Charlie was cocaine and Stan was Ecstasy.

The son dealt with her confrontation impeccably. "I can't believe it!" he said, staring at her. "I can assure you, apart from the odd joint. none of us are into drugs. And all I can say," he added, in high indignation, "is that if I were a parent and my son got a card like that through the post, I would be just as angry, worried and upset as you. I shall have words with these stupid friends of mine!"

Because her fears were sparked off by a postcard public property — this parent could afford to be open. But if she had read those sinister references in a diary, she'd have been trapped - tormented with anxiety and guilt with only herself to blame.

Unless a child seems exceptionally unhappy and cannot be persuaded to reveal what is troubling her or him, there can surely never be any excuse for reading a diary. But per-haps as a last desperate measure to get to the root of a child's troubles, it might be excused occasionally — as long as the parent is tactful enough to console the child without revealing that he or she has been snooping. There again, if the parent is that concerned and tactful, the child would probably not use the diary as confidant anyway.

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ears of attacks by central government have left county and town halls filled with foreboding and convinced that central government is bent on centralising powers in Whitehall. Yet now there are encouraging signals from senior ministers that they want to forge strong working partnerships with local government, thereby emphasising the

strengths of the system. Of course, there is no lack of ammunition for those who want to argue that all is lost. Removal of functions such as further education and waste regulation, and the reduction of the proportion of local authority income raised by local taxation and capping, all reinforce the arguments of the doom-

mongers.

How then can they be wrong? For a start, any sector of the economy which manages £65 billion — as local government does, accounting for 11 per cent of the UK gross domestic product -

Doing away with the doom-mongers

ing power is not spread out in penny numbers: individual au-thorities budgets range from several million to more than one billion, depending on their size and responsibilities.

Within those budgets, authorities have a massive degree of flexibility, scope for local choice and for focusing their resources. But it is now claimed that because local authorities raise only 15 per cent of their revenues from their own local taxation, they inevitably have lost control over their

Although widely quoted, the figure of 15 per cent is seriously misleading because it is a net figure that allows for rebates and discounts. In reality, the local tax-payers contribute 21 per cent of

local authority spending.

Raising more than a fifth of its income by its own local tax Local government must shed its inferiority complex if it is to remain an influential part of our democratic system

decisions gives councils more than marginal flexibility over levels of budgets, and is a proportion that compares favourably with most European local governments.

Second, and contrary to popular opinion, the share contributed by domestic taxpayers is now back to where it has been historically since the 1930s. If there has been a blip. it has been during the last decade when their contribution rose steadily to more than 30 per cent as the government deliberately re-duced the share met from centrally

Although the business rate is now set at a uniform level nationally and redistributed to local authorities, locally raised revenues



PAUL RIGG

still meet at least 50 per cent of local government spending. Local authorities should not be surprised duced capping in order to stage-manage the introduction of both the community charge and its new

Yet within spending restrictions, local authorities still have the discretion to make national policies work at local level to meet the need of real local people, not of formulae driven by historical

A popular myth is that the government's education reforms have reduced local authorities to the role of bankers in the education field. Since teachers' pay, the biggest element in education spending, is determined nationally, local authorities - it is said have little influence over their own

education budgets. What non-sense. What more influence can there be than the job of raising the budget required, determining priorities for expenditure, and determining the distribution of resources to apply in its area; in other words, holding the purse strings? The recent education white paper seems to threaten the very existence of education authorities. But

that is just another challenge that

we must accept. Even if a vast majority of schools do opt out, there is still an important job to be done and our task is to demonstrate to the government and parents that we are the best people to do it.

Local government has forever been losing and gaining powers and responsibilities. Councils have often chosen to pioneer services. They used to have health, gas and water responsibilities. Next year,

with the phased introduction of Care in the Community and the transfer of funds from the social security department, a huge increase in local authority financial

sponsibilities will commence. Moreover, there is a much wider role for local government than just service provision, which is about ensuring the quality of life in its area, shaping and planning the environment in which people want to live and work. Councils should be reflecting the culture of their communities and encouraging open debate and influence in their areas, whether in local affairs or

They should seek to do that not by appearing to frustrate government policies or compete with them but by clearly demonstrating the value they can add. The horizons are widening not contracting.

through national and European

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Preened and primped, the new-look NHS

Marketing has been cold-shouldered by hospitals, but managers are gradually accepting that it may genuinely be needed, Edward Fennell reports

hen Christine Miles. marketing manager for Middlesex and University College Hospital, recently became the first voman winner of the prestige KPMG management consulting prize at Cranfield School of Management it summed up the change of culture within the health

So will we now see a marketing manager on the cast of the BBC television series Casualty working out market segmentation as the walking wounded stagger down the wards at Holby General? Probably so. Ms Miles apparently had reviewed the application of marketing planning to clinical services and she is now applying what she learned throughout her "unit".

Whatever the feeling about the NHS reforms, and the marketing philosophy that accompanies them.

there is no doubt that a new approach is being taken by many managers in the NHS both to what they provide and how they relate to their "customers" and "clients". Public relations and communications are the manifestation of this approach. Yet it is also the area with which the medical establishment feels most uncomfortable. As one observer of NHS reforms said, "If you say 'public relations' in a medical context, people either think it's a cover up job or that it's a waste of money and that resources should

be spent on services.' However, there is much to be said for individual hospitals clarify-ing public understanding of what they can provide and for improving communications with local doctors and other agencies such as schools and social services.

Last year, St Thomas's Hospital, in London, hired Kinross & Render, one of the few public relations agencies to specialise in NHS work, to undertake an "audit" of its communications with GPs, with its

own staff and with the media. The survey uncovered many basic misconceptions about what was available in the hospital - not least amongst its own staff. In some cases, facilities were being under-used because of lack of informa-

As a result, St Thomas's has appointed a director of public relations to try to bring coherence to the hospital's relationships with its various audiences.

Part of the problem, according to Sara Render, a director of Kinross & Render, is the tendency of the medical establishment to use jargon. This has been compounded by the vocabulary springing up around trust status and the "internal market" of the NHS. "There is

a desperate need for straight talking in the NHS right now," Ms Render said. "The excessive use of jargon is prohibiting public discussion about what is happening and it leaves the general public confused. There are real skills needed to communicate in language which is accessible to the lay audience. It is also the first step in establishing a dialogue with the public to find out

what they want." In essence, the strategies being recommended by Kinross & Render to NHS clients are those that apply to any local authority or other public service. "Demand for services is limitless and yet resources are finite so you have to define your audiences and make clear to them what you can offer and what is restricted. You then have to decide in what form you can communicate that information most effectively. Then you have to put in



Taking the initiative: Ms Render advises clients to consider the most effective form of communication

place a strategy to do the job." Although money for public relations is scarce in the NHS, the service's great asset is the level of public interest and the willingness of the media to give it coverage. Unfortunately, most contact be-

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occurs in time of crisis. Kinnoss & Render recommends that hospitals should cultivate relations with their local press so that journalists can help to convey what a hospital is doing and the conditions under

which it is working.

and good communications are essential to its success," Ms Render says. "Without lots more money there are some things you can't make better about medical care but at least with good communications you can make the best use of

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THE British scientist Matt Moun-

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A prospector with a taste for adventure has made a fortune collecting and selling rocks from space. Mick Hurrell reports

ore than a century after the American gold rush, prospectors are searching not for gold dust but for the meteorite mother lode. Rare specimens from outer space can command more than £400,000, and anyone armed with a good metal letector can join the hunt.

The man responsible for this new craze is a flamboyant 36-year-old American, Robert Haag, known to collectors across the world as "the Meteorite Man". His enthusiasm and larger-than-life character have helped popularise the idea of owning a fragment of outer space.

He is a self-taught expert on meteorites, and his determination to acquire these chunks of extraterrestrial rock from wherever they may be found in the world has made him a millionaire. In less than 15 years he has amassed what is thought to be the world's largest private collection of meteorites and built up a lucrative business in

A trained eye, as well as high-technology equipment, are needed to spot the signs that a particular fragment of rock had its genesis somewhere other than on Earth. There's a lot of mythology about meteorites," Mr Haag says, "They are not full of holes and they're not glowing hot when they hit the ground. I look for a heavy, smooth rock with a black crust on the outside. If a magnet sticks to the specimen and I can see metal

flakes, then I have it tested for nickel. If it has seven per cent or more, then I know it's a meteorite." Mr Haag drives an open-topped silver Corvette with the number-plate "ROCKIT". He looks like a

rock star, but claims to have the passion for adventure and lifestyle of Indiana Jones. His quest has led him to remote places: the Andes of northern Chile, the Nile delta, the Australian outback

He runs his space rock business from home, in the mountains outside Tucson, Arizona. The basement houses his collection of thousands of meteorites, worth millions of dollars. He boasts examples of almost every type of meteorite known. They range from golfball-sized lumps of coarse black rock studded with gems or flecks of metal to the spectacular tektites glassy globes of fused sand created by meteorite impacts.

Rocks the size of boulders sit on

pedestals. Smaller meteorites are placed in a display modelled on the surface of the moon. The most expensive specimen for sale is a cement-grey rock about the size of a soccer ball. Analysis of its mass and chemical make-up show that it originated on Mars. Its value on Earth is £1.3 million.

Mr Haag's quest for rare meteorites has recently landed him in trouble with the authorities in Western Australia and raised the thorny issue of ownership. He has acquired a fragment of moon rock found there by Aborigines working



Outer limits: Robert Haag holds an illuminated tektite - a globe of fused sand created by a meteorite impact - found in Egypt

for him. It is one of only a dozen pieces of moon rock ever found on Earth, the first to be discovered outside Antarctica, and the only

one in private hands. Chemical tests at the Lunar and Planetary Laboratory at the University of Arizona found that its composition matches that of rocks collected on the moon by astronauts during the Apollo space missions.

The ratio of iron to manganese is the same, as are the proportions of potassium, phosphorus and various rare Earth metals.

Mr Haag has shrugged off a demand from the West Australian Museum that he return the rock. Now the state government is calling for new laws to prevent the export of what it describes as "important natural treasures".

Mr Haag's confrontation with the Western Australian government is not the first time his exploits have landed him in trouble: he has faced bandits in Mexico and been iailed in Argentina for trying to export a 35-tonne meteorite.

But that is all part of the fun. Mr Haag buys meteorites from South America, Africa and Australia, where they are cheap, and sells

them in affluent countries. His cheapest sell for \$100 (E55) to \$300. Collectors in Japan and Germany will pay \$50,000 to \$1 million for a rare specimen.

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ritain's biggest bank vole will stand up and be count-ed later this month when the Skomer Island vole census gets

The Dyfed Wildlife Trust, which manages the 292-hectare nature reserve 800 metres off the Pembrokeshire coast, wants to find out how many voles it has in residence. So 10 researchers, led by Dr Tim Healing, will descend on the island to catch and count them.

The exercise will not be as difficult as it sounds, because 600 longworth traps will be set at 10metre intervals across the island. The animals will enter the six-inchiong aluminium boxes in search of hay or porridge oats, their favourCensus-takers are about to descend on Skomer Island to check out the inhabitants

Voles come out for the count

The traps will be checked night and morning, and the animals will be released after being weighed. To ensure that the same vole is not counted again if it returns to the trap for another meal, a small amount of fur is clipped on its back during weighing for identification.

Following this initial island-wide trapping, specific locations, such as the vole's favourite bracken areas, will be covered more extentaking both sets of results into account, the number of animals on the island will be calculated. The trust is convinced that the

census will not be a traumatic experience for the animals. because Skomer voles are much friendlier than their mainland cousins and have no objection to being handled. Because the island is not inhab-

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"We want to know how many animals we have to ensure that the population is flourishing," says Margaret Brooks, of the Dyfed Trust. "That is important because the Skomer vole is unique."

Although its Latin name, Clethrionomys Glareolus Skomerensis, is virtually as long as the animal itself, the Skomer vole is larger and heavier than its mainland equivalent. It measures 170mm from nose to tail (35mm more than the mainland bank vole) and weighs 45 grams (the main-land variety weighs only 25 grams). Because of its size and unusual

colouring (a reddish brown back and a silvery white stomach), the

separate species as far back as 1896. But it was not until 1960 that it was first counted, and it emerged then that some 22,000 animals inhabited the bracken fields of Skomer. To monitor their progress, it was decided in the early 1980s that a census should be taken every decade. This is the second of those counts. Censuses on Skorner are not

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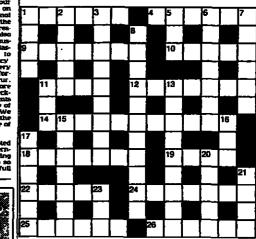
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the pame Tai — Portisch, Bied 1965. Black, with rook, knight and bishop, has reasonable value for the white queen. However. white's next move soon rectified this. Can you see Solution below.

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Qg7+ picking up the rook. TOWNING 1 Fixfel gxf6 (1 ... Nxf6 makes no difference) 2 Solution: white gained a decisive material advantage

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CHANNEL 4

6.00 Channel 4 Daily (5318576)
9.25 Gophers! Children's entertainment (*) (s) (7228237!
9.55 Get Smart. Spoof spy series starting Don Adams (5817324)
10.20 Star Test. The actor John Gordon-Sinday faces the questioning of

the inquisitive computer (r) (2295275)

10.50 Remate Control. Comedy outs show hosted by Anthony Wilson (r)

11.20 Things to Come. A glimpse of what the future holds (n) (3659188). 11.50 Hello. Animation (n) (6152169)

12.00 The Munsters (b/v). Classic American comedy about a ghoulish

12.30 Don't Quote Me. Game show based on the sayings of the famous

2.00 Film: I'll Take Romance (1937, EAN) starring Grace Moore and

H. Grimtin (707504)

3.40 The Three Stooges in False Alarms (bAvi (4719343)

4.00 Resonances. In the last of his series the Bishop of Durham, the Pickey Dr David Jenkins, talks to Keith Hellaweli, chief constable of Cleveland, about his idealism and his behef in the search for truth

4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley with another round of the words

and numbers game (s) (343)

5.00 Simply the Best. Continuing his gastronomic tour of Britain, Kit Chapman alights in Bath in search of strawbernes (6695)

5.30 Owl TV. Wildlife series introduced by Michaela Strachan (Teleter)

6.00 Desmond's. Comedy series set in a south London barber's

Starring Norman Beaton ir). (Teletext) (s) (508)
6.30 Kelloggs Tour of Britain. Stage two — Edinburgh to Gateshead.

8.00 My Dead Dad. Comedy about a son whose life is invaded by the ghost of his long-dead father. Starring Roy Hanlon and Forbes Masson. (Teletext) (s) (2879)

8.30 Film: Lust for Life (1956) starring Kirk Douglas. A handsome.

serious-minded biopic about the artist Vincent Van Gogh, directed by Vincente Minnelli. (Teletext) (51079169)

a distance of 113 miles (188) 7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) Weather (511072) 7.50 Comment (720362)

Melyyn Douglas. Thin comandic musical about an opera singer who is kidnapped so that she honours her contract to sing at the opening of a new opera house in Buenos Aires. Directed by Edward H. Griffith (707904)

and infamous, presented by Geoffrey Perkins (r) (s) (14527) 1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series (73922)

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax (63256) 6.30 Breakfast News (84676035) 9.05 Thundercats. Animation (r) (6237898) 9.25 Hartbeat. Innovative

ideas for better picture making (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4454508) 10.00 News, regional news and weather (681 1091) 10.05 Playdays (r) (5603546) 10.25 Double Dare Messy game show (r) (s) (3435343) 10.45 T 'n' T Andi Peters visits the Morocco section of the Epcot Centre in Florida (s) (6359508)

11.00 News, regional news and weather (1115904) 11.05 Kids on Kilroy Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a discussion on cruelty to animals with an under-18 audience (8700782) 11.50 The Travel Show Traveller Oporto and the Douro Valley (r) (616945

12.00 News, regional news and weather (7112614) 12.05 Summer Scene Entertainment magazine (5473985) 12.55 Regional News and weather (51771430)

1.00 One O'Clock News. (Ceefax) Weather (74072) 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) is) (43305256) 1.50 Junior Kick Start.

Motorcycling competition for the young (43309072) 2.15 Film: The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner (1962, b/w).

© CHOICE: Alan Sillitoe of Saturday Night and Sunday Morning gave the "new" British cinema of the 1960s another typical subject. with an adaptation of his short story about a Borstal boy's revolt against middle-class values. Tom Courtenay, in his screen debut, plays the talented young athlete who is chosen by the governor (Michael Redgrave) to win a prestige race against a public school but uses the occasion to make his own idiosyncratic statement. Courtenay's fresh and likeable performance dominates the film. transcending a simplistic sociology which represents the lad as the archetypical victim of the broken home, and offsetting the fondness of the director, Tony Richardson, for extraneous stylistic

borrowings from the French New Wave. (Ceefax) (779121)
3.55 Tom and Jerry Double Bill (6342850) 4.10 Pinnochio.
Animation (r) (1983614) 4.35 The Really Wild Roadshow from Cotswold Wildlife Park (r) (Ceefax) (s) (6534256) 5.00 Newsround (5434966) 5.10 Byker Grove (r) (Ceefax) (9571898) 5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (982169). Northern Ireland: Inside

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (850). Northern Ireland. Neighbours 7.00 May to December. Generation gap comedy starring Anton Rodgers and Lesley Dunlop (r). (Ceefax) (s) (3121)
 7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (362)

8.00 Citizen Smith CHOICE: John Sullivan, who went on to write Only Fools and Horses, and Robert Lindsay, recently famous for GBH, collaborated on this 1977 sixcom about a middle-class dropout who aspires to be the south London Che Guevara. But the Tooting Popular Front can only muster half a dozen followers, most of whom have more urgent concerns than starting the revolution, and Lindsay's Woffie Smith has to square things with his girlfriend, who is pressing him to get engaged. On its first showing the series drew a muted response from critics disappointed that it was not more subversive. More recently left-wing academics, in the Open University and elsewhere, have applicated Sullivan for his critique of smothering

bourgeois conformity (n. (Ceetax) (9169) 8.30 Walk on the Wildside: A Degree of Comfort. Simon King explores the animal kingdom's capacity to survive extremes of mperature. (Ceetax) (s) (1904) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional News



Deception: Jason Robards and Rebecca De Mornay (9.30pm)

9.30 An Inconvenient Woman. The first of a two-part mini-series set among the Los Angeles "haves", based on the novel by Dominick Dunne, Staming Jason Robards, Jill Eikenberry and Rebecca De

Mornay. (Ceefax) (s) (336614) 11.05 Spenser for Hire. Private eye drama series starring Robert Unch (833169). Northem Ireland (to 11,45): Anything That Makes a Noise 11.50 Weather (288430) Ends at 11.55 2.15am 8BC Select (scrambled) (19015), Ends at 2.45

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Arts — Holidays by the Sea (5784237). Ends at 7.10. 8.00 Breakfast News (3570324) 8.15 Travel Show UK Mini Guides. Bath (r) (1694879) 8.20 Do You Still Love Me? Documentary about the problems that can arise

within stepfamilies (r). (Ceefax) (4092053)

9.00 Cricket. Highlights of the last day's play in the fifth and final Test between England and Pakistan at the Oval (r) (s) (80072)

9.30 Film: The Matchmaker (1958, b/w) starring Shirley Booth,

Anthony Perkins and Shirley MacLaine. Heavygoing version of Thornton Wilder's Broadway success that inspired the musical Hello Dolfy. Directed by Joseph Anthony (28624140)

11.05 Film: Broadway Bill (1934, b/w) starring Warner Baxter and Myrna Loy. Cornedy about a henpecked husband who starts a new

life as a racehorse trainer. Directed by Frank Capra (65061904)

12.45 Master Craftsmen. The clockmaker (r) (82166169) 1.00 After
Hours (61673169) 1.20 Melvin and Maureen's Music a Grams (r) (s) (63494053) 1.35 Birdmen. The first world gliding rally, in the Himalayas (61226492)

2.00 News and weather (95116430) followed by The Kon-Tiki Man. The voyages of Thor Heyerdahl (r). (Ceefax) (58723898) 2.30 Sign Extra: Who Really Killed Cock Robin? (r) (411) News and weather (4808411) 3.05 Songs of Praise (r). (Ceefax) (5) (7179343) 3.40 A Week To Remember (b/w) (r) (6428701)

3.50 News, regional news and weather (6424985)
4.00 Film: Pearl of the South Pacific (1955) starring Virginia Mayo and David Farrar. Tepid pearl-diving drama set on a South Pacific island.
Directed by Allan Dwan (3783966) 5.20 Growing Places (r) (9395072) 5.30 Gardeners' World. Includes Graham Rose, gardening correspondent of The Sunday Times, vehemently statistical phospic groups (s) (522).

attacking bonsai growers (r) (527) 6.00 Film: Shipwreck! (1978) stamng Robert Logan. Routine adventure about a father and his daughters sailing round the world accompanied by a woman journalist and a stowaway. Directed by Stewart Raffill. (Ceefax) (68884546)

7.35 Animation Now. Et Cetera, made by Jan Svankmajer (449985)



Upbeat: John Brookes on life and growing old (7.45pm)

7.45 Shaking the Heavens: Matters of Life and Death.

 CHOICE: The series stressing the positive side of old age continues with a film about John Brookes, a Somerset man in his seventies, who has fruitfully filled his retirement by writing poetry. His verse has an easy, almost conversational style, and though Brookes tends to use "we" rather "I" when talking about himsel there is no mistaking the personal style. He ranges over his childhood just after the first world war, evoked in images of boys playing in the comfields, enthusiasms such as cricket (a chat at faunton with the former county captain, Peter Roebuck) and his thoughts on life in general and growing old in particular. Along the way he presents a modern Adam and Eve, she biting into a Somerset cider apple to the strains of Elgar. The tone is upheat. Brookes says he worries more about the next poem that he does about death. (Ceefax) (s) (460275)

8.30 Colin's Sandwich. Sitcom starting Mel Smith (r). (Ceefax) (9546) 9.00 The Best of Saturday Night Clive. With Ben Elton (r) (713850) 9.45 Town Hall: Winners and Losers. The last in the illuminating local council documentary series. (Ceelax) (588527) 10.30 Newsnight with Sue Cameron (496492)

11.15 Nation. Trevor Phillips chairs a discussion on a topical subject (106527) 11.55 Weather (285343) 12,00 Open University: Open Forum (41034). Ends at 12.30am

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6.00 TV-am (3518594) 9.25 Jumble. Cryptic word game show hosted by Jeff Stevenson. The guests are Bobby Davro and Vicki Michelle (s) (7220695) 9.55
Thames News (2276140)

10.00 Out of this World. American comedy series (r) (s) (2293817) 10.25 The Wisdom of the Gnomes. Animation (r) (2296904) 10.55 ITN News headlines (3630053) 11.00 Ox Tales. Animated adventures of Ollie the Ox (r) (3640430) 11.25

Just for the Record. More "best ever" performances from around the world (r) (s) (1338411) 11.50 Thames News (9717546) 11.55 Cartoon Time (6137850) 12.10 Treasure Box. Early learning series (r) (5464492)

12.30 Lunchtime News. (Oracle) Weather (7040492) 1.05 Thames News (63419362)

1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama. (Oracle) (183850) 1.45 A Country Practice. Medical drama series set in a small Australian outback town (s) (182121)

2.15 The Home Show. Advice on flats for the retired and disguising an ugly bathroom window (107430) 2.45 Families. Soap linking the north of England with Australia (s) (9674121)
3.10 ITN News headlines (4826817) 3.15 Thames News headlines (4825188) 3.20 The Young Doctors. Drama set in an Australian

(942) 100) 3.20 The Tolling Poctors. Draina set in all Adodnian city hospital (6657169)
3.50 Cartoon Time (3141782) 3.55 The Ratties. Animation (r) (6410782) 4.05 Disney's Duck Tales (3159701) 4.30 Cartoon Time (9740966) 4.40 Children's Ward. Hospital drama series (r). (Oracle) (6856546)

5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers presented by Bob Holness (4032904) 5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet (Oracle) Weather

(120492)

5.55 Tharnes Help (r) (443121) 6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (966) 6.30 Tharnes News. (Oracle) (546)

7.00 Emmerdale. Soap set in the Yorkshire Dales. (Oracle) (8817)
7.30 Nature Watch: Pets at Any Price? Julian Pettifer investigates the burgeoning trade in exotic pets and considers whether legislation should be introduced to curb it. (Oracle) (430)

8.00 The Bill: Cutting Loose. Burnside and Lines are left with egg on their faces when a prisoner they are escorting is helped to escape by a gang of masked men. (Oracle) (4237)



Diplomatic idle philosopher Hywel Bennett (8.30pm)

8.30 Shelley. Andy Hamilton's comedy series starring Hywel Bennett as the layabout and amateur philosopher. This week he finds himself as the go-between in an Asian family feud (s) (6072)

9.00 Film: Mr Majestyk (1974) starring Charles Bronson. Tough drama about a Vietnam war veteran, now a Colorado melon farmer, who challenges a labour racketeer and finds himself marked by the mafia. His Vietnam experiences come in useful. Directed from an Elmore Leonard script by Richard Reischer (continues after the news) (Oracle) (6169)

10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville and Alastair Stewart. (Orade) Weather (98091) 10.30 Thames News (277530) 10.40 Film: Mr Majestyk continued (265459)

11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Women behind bars drama serial (448140) 12.30 Video View. Mariella Frostrup reviews the latest releases (98676) 1.30 The Equalizer. McCall comes to the aid of a mentally retarded man accused of murdening a fellow worker. Starring Edward Woodward (2619725)

2.20 The Twilight Zone: The Call. A lonely man rings a wrong number and finds true love (r) (6360947)

2.45 Donahue. The guest is actress Angela Lansbury (5076367) 3.40 60 Minutes. American news magazine (3981386) 4.30 Short Story Theatre: The Seven Wishes of a Rich Kid. A rich

boy receives seven wishes from a video fairy godmother (84270) 5.30 ITN Morning News (46589). Ends at 6.00

10.45 Hollywood Greats: Gary Cooper - American Life, American

Legend.

● CHOICE: This portrait of Gary Cooper is introduced and nameted

the ringular learn, laconic and by Clint Eastwood, his successor as the cinema's lean, laconic and unsmiling westerner. But as the programme reminds us, Cooper was a simpler hero for a simpler age. Through most of his 95 films he was the quiet, strong voice of integrity, who dispensed justice with a fast draw at high noon. But well before his early death from cancer in 1961, the world was becoming a more complicated place and Cooper's career was losing its old certainties. Written by the American cinema historian, Richard Schickel, this is an adequate portrait if a conventional one which does not attempt much depth or insight. The programme is a trailer for the showing next Tuesday of the 1936 Cooper classic, Mr Deeds Goes to Town (Teletext) (138695)

Hero: Gary Cooper in For Whom the Bell Tolls (10.45pm)

11.45 Empty Nest. American comedy series starring Richard Mulligan as a widowed medical man (r) (350695)

12.15am Paganini. Alexander Markov performs the second half of Paganuni's 24 Capnces (s) (7452544)

12.55 Film: The Wild Duck (1983) starring Liv Ullmann and Jeremy Iron: Despite the strong leads this is a lukewarm re-working of the Ibsen play, relocated to Australia and updated to 1913. Directed by Henn fran (s) (803676). Ends at 2.40

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SKY ONE

6.00am Suppy (16362) 6.30 Mrs Pepperpor (5595904) 6.45 Playabout (5766169) 7.00 (5595904) 6.45 Playabout (5765169) 7.00 The D11 at Show (756053) 9.30 The Pyramid Game (41695) 10.00 Let's Make a Deat (53256) 10.30 The Bold and the Beautiful (19508) 11.00 The Young and the Restless (94850) 12.00 St Esewhere (64546) 1.00pm E Street (66986) 1.30 Geraldo (63169) 2.30 Another (Vorld (2025053) 3.15 The Brady Bunch (749430) 3.45 The DJ Kat Sho 1961-1962) 5.00 Facts of Life (8782) 5.30 Orificent Strokes (1922) 6.00 Love at First Sight (7695) 6.30 E Street (1275) 7.00 Ali (85-16) 7.30 Candid Camera (7459) 8.00 The Last Convertible: Final part of the mini series about the Harvard class of '44 (85053) 10.00 11.00 Outer Limits (15343) 12.00 Pages

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levond 2000 (59966) 11.30 Japan Businesi Beyond 2000 (59966) 11.30 Japan Busness Today (9958324) 11.45 International Busness Report (2734614) 12.30pm Good Morning America (53782) 1.30 Good Morning America (54311) 2.30 Nightine (93091) 3.30 Our World (81053) 4.30 Beyond 2000 (7072) 5.00 Live at Five (46459) 6.30 Nevsline (50459) 8.30 Target (49639) 8.30 News/are (39091) 11.30 ABC (85633) 10.30 Newskine (39091) 11.30 ABC News (45643) 12.30am Newskine (10812) 1.30 ABC News (27229) 2.30 Target (72522) 3.30 ABC News (84367) 4.30 Beyond 2000 (35928) 5.30 Newskine (84763) SKY MOVIES+

 Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites 6.00am Showcase (1951459) 10.00 Maigret (1991) Richard Harns stars as the French detective (56527)

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(2121)
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8.00 White Hunter, Black Heart (1990).
Clet Eastwood as a film director who wants to shoot an elephant (70121)
10.00 Tripwire (1989): An EBI agent tracks an international terrorist (52850) 11.35 Dial Help (1988) Supernatural thriller

11.35 ball neght (950) specification when staming Charlotte Lewis (889701) 1.15am Split Decisions (1988): A family of boxes right in and out of the ring (185218) 2.50 City of Blood (1987). A coroner pursues supernatural infers (623855) 4.25 Nightmare (1991): A girl is ludnapped by a senal biller (836676). Enits at 6.00

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

 Via the Astra and Marcopolo sat 6.15am She (1965) Ursula Andress stars as 6.15am She (1965)* Ursula Andress stars as an immortal queen (524898) 8.15 The Faintasy World of George Pai (1987)* The special effects man (622904) 10.15 All Quiet on the Western Front (1930, bw)* German teenagers volunteer during the first world war (82987362) 12.05pm Come Back, Little Sheba (1952, bw)* A boarder disrupts the life of an alcoholic and his write (798121) 148. The Archald Fundle (1950, back)

1.45 The Asphalt Jungle (1950, bw): Sterling Hayden plots a robbery (985985) 3.45 Dot and the Whale: Cartoon and live action (8222850) 5.05 Dot and the Koala: The herome saves

part of the Australian Rush (4101508) 6.15 Beach Party (1963) Frankie Avalon and Annette Funceilo in California (883-188) 8.15 The Wizard of Loneliness (1988): A 8.15 The Wizard of Lorneliness (1988): A boy is sent to his grandparents (53791492): 10.10 May Wine (1990): A mother and daughter love the same man (1152527): 11.40 Glory (1989): Drama about the first black infantry batallion (70145430): 1.45am The Bingo Long Travelling Alf-Stars and Motor Kings (1976): The story of a Negro League baseball team (510980): 3.40 Partners (1982). A straight policeman teams up with a homosexual colleague colleague.

teams up with a homosexual colleague (123454). Ends at \$.20 THE COMEDY CHANNEL

© Via the Astra satellite 4.00pm Mr Ed (2183) 4.30 Punky Brewster (1072) 5.00 Green Agres (5169) 5.30 The Lucy Show (2324) 6.00 The Montes (9237) 6.30 Three's Company (3817) 7.00 Design-ing Women (8633) 7.30 McHale's Navy (2701) 8.00 Are You Being Sered? (4053) 8.30 Night Court (3183) 9.00 Hogan's Heroes (33140) 9.30 The Lucy Show (37527)

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(53898) 9.30 Indy Car (1812) 1 0.30
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News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm 6.00am World Service: Newshour 6.30 Dann Baller's Morning Edition 9.30 Andry Crane's Baller's Morning Edition 9.30 Andry Crane's Take Five 10.30 Johnne Walker with The AM Alternative 12.30pm Walking in Big Footsteps: In the first of so Interary Fourneys, Janet Ellis tours Catherine Cookson territory 1.00 News Update 1.10 9785 Worldwide Simon and the Squad 2.30 Sportsbeat, with Ross King 4.30 Five Aside 7.15 The Highlingale and the Rose, by Oscar Wilde Read by Paul Schofield 7.30 Mizzon havestigates 8.00 Popcatir 0345 930993 9.00 Multiprack 3, with Sarah Ward 9.30 Box 13, 113.5 10.10 Fairbring and 1.10 Sport 13, 00.13 Mizzon Nation Nation 1.10 Sport 13, 00.13 Mizzon 11, 13: 113 5 10.10 Earshot, Incl 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News; Sport

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VARIATIONS

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6.25-7.00 Anglia News (193121) 7.30-8.00 Countrywide (430) BORDER BURDER
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3.20-3.30 Sors and Daughters (6657169)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (4032904) 6.00
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(773909) 3.15 60 Minutes (1711657) 4.10
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Arthur Lake) (1517270) 5.20-5.30 Jobfinder
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GRANADA

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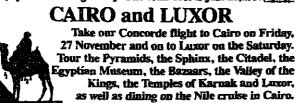
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RADIO 3 4.30 Bright as Fire: The composer and pianist Mike Westbrook talks to Geoffrey Norris
5.00 In Tune: Anthony Burton 6.55em Weather 7.00 On Air: Andrew McGregor presents music, news. weather and previews

Composers of the Week

William Schuman and his presents music, news and weather and talks to the Contemporaries, Schuman (American Festival Overture

Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra under Leonard Bernstein); Walter Piston (Symphony No 2: Boston Symphony Orchestra unde Michael Tilson Thomas); Schuman (Symphony for Strings, Symphony No 5: New York Philharmonic Orchestra under Leonard Bernstein) 10.00 Morning Sequence: Weber (Overture, Euryanthe: The Hanover Band under Roy Goodman); Debussy (En Blanc et Noir: Peter Donohoe and Martin Roscoe, pianos); Bridge (Summer. Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra under Charles Groves); Beethoven (Piano Sonata in E minor, Op

90: Solomon, piano) Rawsthome (String Quartet No 2: Alberni Quartet); Schubert (Entracte No 1, Rosamunde: Orchestra of the Age of Englightenment under Charles Mackerras) 11.20 Elgar from Worcester Cathedral: BBC Philharmonic under Donald Hunt performs Elgar (Imperial March, Op 32; Cello Concerto in E minor;

Robert Cohen; Symphony No 1 m A flat) 1.05pm News
1.05 Dennis Lee: The pianist plays
Beethoven (Sonata in G, Op
14, No 2); Clementi (Sonata in
C, Op 34, No 1); Schubert,
transcr Lizzt (Der Lindenbaum); Schumann, transcr Liszt

(Widmung) (7)

1.50 Academy of Ancient Music, John Holloway, violin, Mark, Levy, viola da gamba, John Toll, harpsichord, perform Couperin (Troisieme Concer Royal); François Duval (Sonata for violin and continuo, Op 6 No 2); Rameau (Pièces de clavecin en concerts No 5) 2.30 Shostakovich (Violin

Snosoakovich (vibin Concerto No 1 in A minor; Symphony No 7, Leningrad: Finnish RSO under Maxim Shostakovich, with Viktoria Mullova, violin)

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Thomas Hampson (8.35pm)

7.30 Proms 1992: Live from the Albert Hall. The BBC Symphony Orchestra under Lother Zagrosek performs Weber (Overture, Oberon); Schumann (Symphony No 1 B flat, Spring), 8.15 Roger Cardinal considers the importance of Mahler's Des Knaben Wunderhorn, 8.35 Mahler (Des Knaben Wunderhom: Thomas

Hampson, baritone, Yvonne

Kenny, soprano)

9.30 Ulysses: The fifth of a 16-part adaptation by John Scotney of ames Joyce's novel 10.00 Utrecht Early Music Festival: Les Arts Florissants under William Christle, organ and harpsichord, performs François Couperin (Second lesson from Tenebrae Holy Thursday); Guillaume Bouzignac (Ecce festivitas amons; Salve Jesu Pissime; Jubilate Deo); François Couperin (Third lesson from

(Veni sponsa mea; Litany to the Virgin)

11.00 Cameron de la Isla: Marcos introduces music by the gypsy singer who died last month

11.30 News

11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Donizetti (r)

Tenebrae); Etienne Moulinie

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RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping 6.00 News
Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather
6.10 Farming Today 6.25
Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today,
incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00,
8.30 News 6.45 Business
News 6.55, 7.55 Weather
7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45
Thought for the Day 8.43
Tiger, Tiger and Other Stories,
by Janet Frame (s) 8.58
Weather 9.00 News 2.30 Tingle Factor: The writer and jazz musician Barry Fantoni is Jeremy Nicholas's guest (s) 3.00 News: What If . . ? The Press. what might have happened if in 1977 the Press Council had strengthened the proposed code of practice legislation instead of disbanding? Christopher Andrew re-writes history with Lord Blom.

Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross: 071-580 9.05 Call Nick Ross: 071-580
4444. Lines open from 8am
10.00-10.30 News; Dished Up in
the Dordogne (FM only):
Sylvia Horn reports on the new
British Invasion
10.00 Daily Service (LW only):
10.15 The Bible (LW only): The First
Letter of St Paul to Timothy.
Read by Denis Quilley:
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jean
Sredegar explores the world
of bees and their keepers. Incl
11.00 News
12.00 You and Yours

17.30 Medicine mow 12.00 You and Yours 12.25pm Frank Musir Presents . . . 500 Years of Humorous

CHOICE: And what Frank Muir presents in this new series is a collection of humour distilled from the English language over the past five centuries. He begins with the first printed joke, used by Caxton to fill a gap in Aesop's Fables, and takes us through to P.G. Wodehouse in the company of readers Prunella Scales, Richard Briers and Timothy West. Each week there is a theme — next time it's foreigners --- and if you don't let out at least one guffaw I'll eat my (hardback) copy of The Oxford Book of

Humorous Prose, compiled by Muir and adapted by Mike Barfield (s) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping 2.00 News; Thirty-Minute Theatre: it's Better to Travel. In Marianne Carey's first play for radio, Lizzie (Grace Glover) slaves over a hot microwave oven to spice up her marriage to her unadventurous husband

Ron (Andy Gray) (s)

Cooper, the last chairman of the Press Council, and Professor Hugh Stephenson, the ombudsman for the Guardian 3.30 Punters 4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews Jeremy
Dibble's biography of the
composer Sir Hubert Parry,
and Memoirs Found in a
Bathrub, by the science-liction
novelist Stanislaw Lem (s)
4.45 Short Story: The Cowboy, by
Lamorna Hutchison. Read by
Stuart McQuarrie
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5.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Quote ... Uniquote: Nigel
Rees chairs the quotation
game. With Brian Glover,
Maureen Freely, Peter Wood
and Frederic Raphael (s) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (s)
7.20 In the Psychiatrist's Chair:
Dr Anthony Clare talks to
Glerys Kimnock (r)
8.00 Science Now (r)
8.30 Poets and Places: John
Florance visits Hull and,
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Florance visits Hull and, through poetry and observation, explores the city Philip Larkin made his own 8.45 in Touch, with Peter White 9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r) 9.45 Financial World Tonight (s) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight (s) 10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Lucky Jim, by Kingsley Amis. Read by Martin Jarvis (7 of 12) (r) 11.00 Stanza: Andrew McAllister Invites Jackie Kay, Alan Jenkins invites Jackie Kay, Alan Jenkins and Peter Porter to discuss what is happening on the poetry scene, and to read their latest work (s)

11.30 Questions of Taste (5) (1) 12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.43 As World

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